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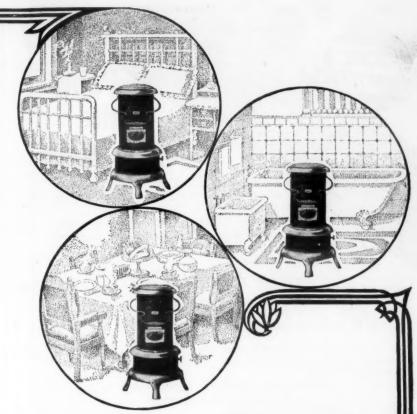
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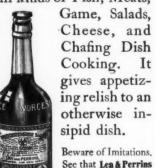
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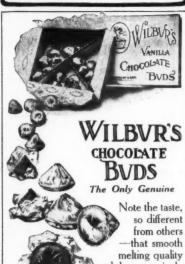
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Mr. Kipling on Socialism

■ Rudyard Kipling has removed the button from his foil, and plunged for blood in his story in next week's Collier's, "The Adventures of Melissa." It is the most searching attack on Socialism that has appeared since Herbert Spencer lifted his voice. It mocks all the dearest tenets and pet beliefs of the wistful communistic brotherhood. No trick of invective, no magic of style, is omitted in ridiculing the new economic gospel. And yet never for a moment does he forget to tell his charming imaginative story, which proceeds swiftly along as if it carried no sting in its tale. If you are a rabid lover of the race, or an intensified individualist, you will be seized by the preachment. If you have an open ear for straight untroubled narration, here, too, is your heart's desire in creative prose. It is the story of the life and works of Melissa, the honey bee, who is fated to see the hive of her ancestors gradually rotted away and destroyed by the wax-moths of sweet speech and poisonous habits, whose "talk sounds like ivy honey tastes."

■ The real producers of the hive declare: "To make wax we must have stillness, warmth, and food." But the mob of bees will not permit the few to live in peace for the sake of the work. It pulls them down from their protected and producing life to the sterile unrest of the many. "I've a magnificent appetite, and I don't like working." Thus far Mr. Kipling shoots his arrows at Socialism and Work. Now he turns him to Socialism and the Home. One of the earnest young mothers says:

"Gray sister, she came and said we ought to be in the sunshine gathering honey, because life was short. She said any old bee could attend to our babies, and some day they would."

I When finally the hive is destroyed by the "awful, solemn, lop-sided oddities, crawling and clambering and preaching and dirtying things in the dark," a wax-moth fluttered by the ruins. "There has been a miscalculation about the new day, my dears," she began, "one can't expect people to be perfect all at once. That was our mistake." ■ So in the self-same parable form as that in which Maeterlinck, in his "Life of the Bee," made his plea for the brotherhood propaganda, Mr. Kipling lashes out at the Socialist prophets. Perhaps in a Fable of Wasps, Bernard Shaw will parry and come back in defense of the Fabian fraternity. The pictorial treatment of Mr. Kipling's tract is in color and relieves the savage undertone. It deals wholly with the imaginative and story-telling elements of the tale.

Fiction Number

I Next week's Collier's is the Fiction Number for December. Along with Kipling's narrative sermon, we shall give two other stories. Gouverneur Morris tells the story of "The Bride's Dead." On a far-away island a shipwrecked party are shepherded by no admirable Crichton, but by a brutal and powerful sailor. This story, too, is illustrated in color.

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Of treasures lost and joys of ours, forgotten, left among the flowers;
Like toys of children strewn upon the playground of the leaf and lawn;
And many stand without the gate who learn with hearts disconsolate
It swings but out and none may go in search of treasures scattered so,
For Time is keeper of the way—the Garden there is Yesterday.

LL day I stood beside the gate from dawn to dusk, and saw them wait,
To plead with him to clear the way, that they might search in Yesterday;
But to them all he shook his head, "The way forever closed," he said;
"I lost a child," the nother cried; "A sweetheart I," the lover sighed:
"A song," the poet said, "was there, sweet-voiced, ineffable and rare;"
But Time, unyielding, held the way: "The place is mine—"tis Yesterday!"

ND came a schoolgirl, tearful-eyed: "My playmate!" sorrowful, she cried; The felon said: "My liberty—will you not give it back to me?" "My gold," the miser prayed, "its there, the hoard I loved and could not spare;" "My youth is there," the old man said; the widow whispered low: "My dead." "My honor," faltered the weak knave; "My strength," the sodden, sotted slave; And one by one they came to pray they might go back to Yesterday.

ND somewhere in the Garden gleam the gems of innocence and dream:
And somewhere are the loves that were: the eyes and cheeks, and lips of Her.
Somewhere the hearts from sorrow free and all the joy that was to be;
The peace of Honor yet unsoiled; Ambition's sweetness still unspoiled:
The ties of love, the strength of youth, the hearts of hope, the ways of truth:
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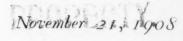
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Feasts

THANKSGIVING stands to most not as a memorial to the Pilgrim Fathers, nor yet as a day of sacred gratitude for prosperity and crops, but rather as a holiday marked by food. After loosened girths, when at last, in the phrasing of that traditional college girl, gastronomic satiety admonishes one that he has reached the ultimate stage of deglutition, there perhaps is to be traced often even pride in the accomplishment, rather than the more suitable shame. If so, humility may be recaptured by studying the feats of those who went before us. Our forebears could outeat us easily. Observe the items for a feast in honor of the Archbishop of York in the year 1466:

"Three hundred quarters of wheat, three hundred tuns of ale, one hundred tuns of wine, one pint of hypocras, a hundred and four oxen, six wild bulls, a thousand sheep, three hundred and four calves, the same number of swine, four hundred swans, two thousand geese, a thousand capons, two thousand pigs, four hundred plovers, a hundred dozen of quails, two hundred dozen of the birds called 'rees,' a hundred and four peacocks, four thousand mallards and teals, two hundred and four cranes, two hundred and four kids, two thousand chickens, four thousand pigeons, four thousand crays, two hundred and four bitterns, four hundred herons, two hundred pheasants. five hundred partridges, four hundred woodcocks, one hundred curlews, a thousand egrettes, more than five hundred stags, bucks, and roes, four thousand cold venison pasties, a thousand 'parted' dishes of jelly, three thousand plain dishes of jelly, four thousand cold baked tarts, fifteen hundred hot venison pasties, two thousand hot custards, six hundred and eight pikes and breams, twelve porpoises and seals, with a proportionate quantity of spices, sugared delicacies, and wafers or cakes."

The number of guests consuming the above is not recounted, but enough is known to realize that the English of those days overate themselves far more violently than we do to-day. They were as far from us in one direction as the Japanese are in another. Think of the connection between civilization and food, and take less turkey than you can eatpleasantly flavored with a little cranberry, most fascinating sauce.

Thanksgiving

ROASTED CHESTNUTS, well-cooked turkey, the tawny pumpkin pie, and the swollen larder are playful symbols of the holy day, the purpose of which is to bid defiance to oncoming winter. Men make

them a fire, and heap the table and gather their friends that they may voice their unconcern for the sullen months just ahead. Thanksgiving Day is the stirrup-cup to the long journey. We rejoice that we may rise and march again. Thanksgiving Day is the scarlet banner that we throw out to the November winds. We accept the challenge of winter, the rigors of unlovely climate, the gathering of snowdrifts. Frozen and wind-whipped and driven to cover, we make of man's natural enemies the orchestral accompaniment to his banqueting, and listen to the north wind driving down the street as to stringed instruments-a lullaby of gray wolves. Man tunes him a chorus from the implacable elements in his own destiny. He rears an altar to the powers that flay him, sacrifices strange birds and beasts to his unruly fate, and drinks to the everlasting memory of his agony.

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Standard Oil and the Press

DIVERSION OF OURS is arguing with our contemporaries, big and little, on a multitude of topics. Sometimes the publications are powerful, like Mr. Hearst's papers, and sometimes they are obscure, like the Hoopeston "Chronicle" and "Leslie's Weekly." It may seem rather hard-hearted to pound at a weekly which has almost no circulation and almost no business, but the methods of oil and glucose for influencing public opinion have significance. "Leslie's Weekly" scolded us for our unfavorable comments on Penrose, Du Pont, and statesmen of that type. We explained this attack by indicating the recent purchase of the paper by the Standard Oil interests. "Leslie's" has answered with transparent timidity. It states that "no director of the Standard Oil Company has ever been the owner of a share of stock or a dollar of the bonds of the Judge Company," and then it accuses us of being troubled by its competition. This last point might be treated from the point of view of humor, as "Leslie's" business is so small that it is not even included among the seventeen leading periodicals whose advertising record is kept in our office. Humor, however, is not what is called for by the multiform activities of the great corporations. Therefore we put down the following small selection from among the facts which are positively known to us:

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The above contribution to corporation history is sufficient for the present. We trust no future denials will force us to give some details



-many of them sordid-which we have deemed it best to refrain from including in this story. "Leslie's," however, can doubtless force more out of us if it cares to try again.

Competition

THE IDEA OF RIVALRY, ridiculous as it is in the form touched upon in the last paragraph, has a real interest in the higher ranks of journalism. Rivalry is productive of much good. We have formidable competitors, many of them, and rejoice in their power. They are formidable, not only for their circulation and their business success, but for their influence; because they represent not any special interests controlling them, but the whole people, and because they speak the truth. We have often had occasion to take off our hat, among others, to "McClure's Magazine," the pioneer among recent periodiothers, to "McClure's Magazine," the pioneer among recent periodicals in public service; to the ambitious and well-balanced "American Magazine"; to the "Ladies' Home Journal," which had led many good causes and is editorially leading another at the present moment. "Everybody's" has accomplished desirable things. Among weeklies, the "Saturday Evening Post" has a notable instinct for popularity—popularity which is never harmful. We are glad to see "Harper's" losing some of its inspired Wall Street flavor and gaining in influence as it has in independence. The "Outlook" and the "Independent" are steady forces for progress. The "Literary Digest" is indispensable. Such competition is more than welcome. The day of journalistic jeal-Such competition is more than welcome. The day of journalistic jealousy is passing. There are enough big things in this republic for all of us to do, and more than all of us combined can do. We wish sincerely (to return for a moment to "Leslie's") that that publication, feeble at the present moment, and kept alive by paid write-ups disguised as news, might buy itself back to freedom, might buy itself away from corporations which wish a secret mouthpiece, and become one of that band of monthlies and weeklies a part of which we have mentioned. Our feelings toward the struggling weekly are potentially of the friendliest, and if it ever does gain its liberty, and if it then shows any sign of wishing to become something better than a little catspaw of big business, it will have no heartier well-wisher than ourselves.

Among the Wounded

N EVERY WAR good men fall. Some of those who went down on November 3 will, doubtless vice are in the control of November 3 will, doubtless, rise again. The Republican machine got its knife into Senator Colby of New Jersey, but they have not made an end of him. He has proved so well his courage, sincerity, and superior quality that the day will surely come when the people will put him back into public life. The knifing of him was in Newark, just as FOLK was beaten by the enormous majorities in the big cities of St. Louis and Kansas City, where the machines got in their work. Folk had a special obstacle, as the independent and independent-Democratic vote went solid for Hadley for Governor, and, of course, those who voted Republican at this election could not vote on the question of who should be the Democratic candidate before the Legislature for Senator. Had the issue not been thus complicated, FOLK would have won.

Elihu Root

EXICO is a natural place from which to receive a eulogy of Mr. Root, for it is one of the places in which that man's great ability has been shown.

"Mexico, D. F., October 22, 1908. "TO THE EDITOR OF COLLIER'S:

"Your recent article declaring against Mr. Root for appointment to the Supreme bench was a shock. To one who has had some opportunity of judging of this man's impartiality and integrity of purpose—but without ever coming into personal contact with him—your faint praise seems as unjust and ill-considered as your estimates of men and manners are usually just and well-considered. Have the American people become such corporation-haters that to have practised as a corporation law-

"Rest assured that the confidence of the people in the judiciary would not be 'destroyed' by Mr. Root's appointment to the Supreme bench. The American people judge more liberally. If cynicism there be, it is in the make-up of the critic who wrote the article, rather than in the man criticized. Yours faithfully,

"FRED. F. BARKER."

Although our opinion remains unchanged that there would be some reason to regret Mr. Root's presence on the Supreme bench-excellent judge as he would make-there can be no doubt of the advisability of keeping him, if possible, in public life. As Secretary of State he has been the same brilliant success that he was as Secretary of War. If he is tired of being Secretary of State, he ought to have no difficulty in becoming Senator from New York. What a contrast! To-day the Empire State Senators are Depew and Platt. Three years hence they may be Elihu Root and Theodore Roosevelt.

Outrageous Science

THE BELOVED TUSITALA sings:

"The moon has a face like the clock in the hall; She shines on thieves on the garden wall, On streets and fields and harbor quays, And birdies asleep in the forks of the trees."

Now a Californian declares that the moon is a myth. He says that

what we have always taken for that orb is nothing but "a picture of a portion of the solar ring reflected against space by the sun." There are many astronomical ornaments that could better be ravished away by science.

"Take, if you must, the Milky Way, But spare your country's moon," we

Take the Aurora Borealis, gorgeous oriflamme of the North, or the meteors, fireflies of the zenith, or the Dipper, beloved of children. To quench the moon would be to disrupt the social structure. What would become of midsummer minor poetry, of comic opera, of jokes upon duplex vision? Of the Man in the Moon, the Girl with the Psyche Knot, and the Man Shooting Ducks?

Hair

TON OF CHINESE HAIR recently arrived from the Far East, A destined for the heads of women, after being made into what are known as "rats." M. MARCEL, prince of Parisian capillary artists, was recently the guest of honor at a banquet given him by the hairdressers of London. As he entered the hall of feasting, he was acclaimed by the band, which struck into: "See, the Conquering Hero Comes!" He it is who invented a method of "waving" the hair which no woman can consummate unaided. Twenty-eight years ago he perfected his process; to-day he has a château in Normandy. Until recently, by the way, curls from off the heads of peasant maids in Normandy and Brittany were adorning more patrician brows in Paris. Now the supply is no longer equal to the demand, and France also depends on Chinese importations. Says Addison:

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"I am not for adding to the beautiful edifices of nature, nor for raising any whimsical superstructure upon her plans. . . . "A woman who was but a pygmy without her head-dress appeared like a colossus upon putting it on. . . . The women might possibly have carried this Gothic building much higher had not a famous monk, THOMAS CONNECTE by name, attacked it with great zeal and resolution. This holy man traveled from place to place to preach down this monstrous commode; and succeeded so well in it that, as the magicians sacrificed their books to the flames upon the preaching of an apostle, many of the women threw down their head-dresses in the middle of his sermon and made a bonfire of them within sight of the pulpit."

A crusader of the twentieth century would have to preach with eloquence to inspire like results to-day. And the men, less efficiently equipped, keep busy the hair doctors and also buy large quantities of advertised hair restorers. The natural covering of the head, alas, probably is doomed. Some hundreds of centuries from now all of us, apparently, will be bald. Consolation, however, can be drawn from the knowledge that gradually baldness will come to seem as beautiful as now does smoothness on the cheek

Edward in a Flurry

THE PRESS AGENT likes the King of England. He has always treated of him fondly, but now he has surpassed himself. He is speaking of the last appearance in London of Mlle. Genée, and he says:

"King Edward, for the first time in his varied career, became so enthused and joyed as the dancer sprang on the stage that he, much to the amazement of the throng of crownheads present, actually forgot his dignity to the extent of arising to his feet and clapping his hands with merriment."

"Joyed" and "the throng of crownheads" are certainly "going some." If the style is the man, this press agent must truly be a sight.

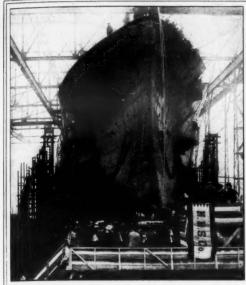
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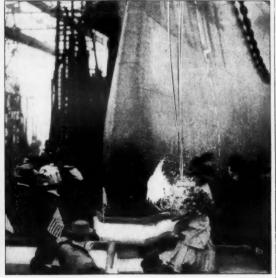
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TORNAL DO BRASIL,' Rio de Janeiro Daily. Largest Circula-J tion in South America. Cable Address Fermenal. Telephone 3058 Gramercy; North American Department, Bureau of Information about Brazil, Translations, 1 Madison Avenue, New York." This comprehensive letter-head is found at the top of a communication recently received at this office, stating that a well-equipped agency of the Brazilian newspaper has been established at the above address. The New York representatives go on to say that a large room is set aside in their building in Rio for the exhibition of United States merchandise advertised in their paper, that they use the linotype and the best United States printing presses, and that they will be glad to furnish any one information about Brazil. Simultaneously arrives the Bulletin of the Bureau of American Republics, which the enterprise and news-sense of the Hon. John Barrett is making a magazine instead of a dreary There are many alluring photoaggregation of consular reports. graphs of the Brazilian Exposition which was opened in August, of crowds and parks and soldiers and ranches in other parts of South America. Specially interesting is an article by Mr. BARRETT himself on irrigation in Latin America, illustrated with photographs of some of the great storage reservoirs in Mexico and the Argentine. About two and a half million acres in the Peruvian coast region can be irrigated. Similar conditions exist in the other republics, and the water-power possibilities have scarcely been touched. In our own West the second generation is beginning to fear the exploitations of private capital, and the people want to own their own power plants and irrigation canals. Having fulfilled their usefulness here, why do not our wicked octopi flee to South America, where the first pioneering is in most cases yet to be done, and their strong arms would be welcome?





Launching the "North Dakota," the \$7,000,000 "Dreadnought," at Quincy, Massachusetts, November 10

Yavy Control

Need of Reorganization - Rule by Experts Versus Rule by Politicians -What the American Navy System is and What it Ought to be

By C. P. CONNOLLY



By C. P. C.

THE people of this country realize that the destiny of the American navy—perhaps, in a crisis, the destiny of this country—is in the hands of Eugene Hale, a civilian and a Senator from the State of Maine? Do they know that his good or ill will now toward any particular policy of the navy may mean victory or defeat in a time of great national peril? Dewey cut the cable at Manila because there was business of importance ahead that May morning. It is time the American people cut the ribbons which enable Senator Hale to drive their navy as if it were a private four-in-hand.

If an honest, open, free-for-all, square-deal investigation were had of the expenditures of our Navy Department, in all its ramifications, the present automobile craze would, in comparison, be looked upon as a criterion of economy. But we will probably not get it under Hale or Cannon. Hale put his foot firmly down at a recent investigation and announced that the "committee" would not go into the very subject for which the investigation was called. He was willing to whitewash and protect his protégés, but farther than that he would not go—and he did not go. Nothing is going to happen in the Navy Department so long as it runs against the grain of his pleasure, and one of the things that won't happen while he is in command of the \$130,000,000 that we now spend annually on the navy is a thorough investigation. When the history of the past ten or fifteen years comes to be written, it will be known as the era of the sleek, well-fed, well-groomed, conscience-slackened statesman.

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Secretary of the Navy William C. Whitney, as far back as 1885, said in his first report: "It must be evident that there is something radically wrong with the department. The universal dissatisfaction is the conclusive proof of this. It is expressed to me by influential members of both political parties, and quite universally by the naval officers, coupled with the hope and expectation that some remedy may be found and severely applied."

Secretary Whitney then went on to enumerate some of the things he found. That was when the navy appropriations were small. "The open purchases of the Navy Department," he said, "for the year ending June 30, 1885, amounted to \$841,285.84, while the purchases by contract amounted to only a little over a million." One hundred and thirty-eight thousand dollars of the amount paid for open purchases—that is, informal purchases—was spent by the seven bureaus, each acting independently of the other, for coal bought, not in one lot, but in 166 different purchases. Two hundred and ninetynine different purchases were made of stationery. One order for \$61,000 worth of canvas was given to a person who was not a dealer in the article, and at a time when there was the usual supply of canvas on hand. The limit for any single purchase at the time was \$500, so the canvas was paid for in \$500 payments each. It took a little time and patience to get the \$61,000 out of the Treasury, but graft is always patient and bides its time. Coal was purchased by different paymasters from the same person, on or about the same days, deliverable at the very same place, of like quality and character, but at prices differing from fifty cents to sixty-five cents a ton. Did the coal-dealer make the

difference or the paymaster? And now listen to what Secretary Whitney said then, because it is significant in the light of the action of naval committees who simply announce that they will not investigate:

"These abuses (quite inevitable in the absence of a proper system) were investigated and exposed by Congressional committees years ago: but by recent investigations I find the same order of things largely existing down to a recent date, and the same men named in the Congressional report, holding substantially the same relation to the department as before, and with the same scandalous results."

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The Senate Naval Committee is composed of Eugene Hale of Maine (chairman), George C. Perkins of California, Thomas C. Platt of New York, Boies Penrose of Pennsylvania, Jacob H. Gallinger of New Hampshire, Julius C. Burrows of Michigan, Charles Dick of Ohio, Benjamin R. Tillman of South Carolina, Thomas S. Martin of Virginia, and Samuel D. McEnery of Louisiana. Each of these is entitled to a "slice" of the one hundred millions annually, to be spent among his constituency, and, if the truth were known, some of them get it—even Tillman, who, in all the Dervish dances with which he has regaled the Senate, not once has turned the prongs of his pitchfork on Hale. He never loses his presence of mind so far as to forget Hale's power of retaliation.

A Navy Yard for Cotillions



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HE Mare Island Navy Yard on the Pacific Coast (meaning Perkins of California) cost \$17,000,000. Its drydock will not permit the docking of a battleship. Some of our ships can't even get within hailing distance of the Mare Island Yard because of the shoalness of the water. In 1907 we spent \$1,020,678.88 for \$928,582.97 worth of work there. Where did the rest go? We have a sort of straddling navy yard at Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The Piscataqua River empties down there, and on one side is Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and on the other side is Kittery, Maine. Half of the navy yard is in Kittery and the other half in Portsmouth. A large number of voters in both States work in it, and it is fair to assume that they are all full-fledged citizens, and that the man who didn't register or vote would not be slow seeking another job. That navy yard cost us \$10,000,000, and last year we spent \$792,760.05 for \$418,804.12 worth of work there. No hattleship commander in all the past years since it was built would dare have tried to get within any distance of this navy yard until within the past year, when the approach was made navigable. The channel was too narrow and the current too swift. It was a good place for society cotillions, though. Besides, there is no strategic or other necessity for a navy yard so close to the Boston Navy Yard. Yet we have gone on, year after year—or rather Hale and Gallinger have—appropriating our money for expenses and improvements there, which keep Maine and New Hampshire safely in the Hale and Gallinger political drydocks. The people of Maine and New Hampshire safely in the Hale and Gallinger political drydocks. The people of Maine and New Hampshire safely in the Hale and Gallinger lost the New Orleans Navy Yard \$78,274.05, and we netted in actual value \$1,046. The drydock there has been used twice. Admiral Porter, years ago, recommended its abandonment. Yet in the last seven years

we have spent on that \$2,126,971. The Charleston, South Carolina, Navy Yard cost \$3,394,300, and the dredging to try to make it fit \$108,000. During the last five years we disbursed on that \$213,213.75, but got not one cent in value for it. Still, forgetting it was a derelict, and following the habit of appropriation, we appropriated \$287,000 on the "yard" last year. Tillman had to have his "slice" for South Carolina and the others had to give it to him for fear he would break out on the floor of the Senate. No wonder some of these Senators can boast that they are unlike their Western brethren—they don't buy their way into the Senate. They don't—not with their own money. with their own money

with their own money.
Years ago Rear-Admiral G. W. Sumner pointed out
that there was no place less fitted for a navy yard than
Charleston, South Carolina.
We spent over a million dollars on the Port Royal,
South Carolina, drydock. Once Admiral Evans tried to
dock a battleship there and nearly lost her. The naval dock a battleship there and nearly lost her. The na officials held their breath while he went in and came of That was the first and last time that drydock was us

The Appropriation Farce



NN yet this farce of appropriations goes on. Instances might be multiplied ad infinitum. Some Congressmen and Senators, knowing these things, instead of calling public attention to them—deaders at the congressmen and Senators, knowing these things, instead of calling public attention to them—deaders are thought as to where it goes, or whether it will ever come back. You see, it is not a business proposition—all we have to do for all this money is to show some ships. That's the profit in the business. And if the ships look good, nobody looks further. Everybody seems to think that if we subscribe \$310,000,000 annually for the navy, without any regard to what becomes of the money, we can whip anything that floats. If we had anything like a business administration of the Navy Department—if "Senatorial courtesy" were not a hypocritical mask for easy public money—we could build many more ships on just as much money as we spend now bribing by appropriations these voters and Legislatures in the different states to return these Treasury-raiders to Congress.

These things were all done in the Indian Bureau years ago, when they drove the cattle round the corral a dozen times and counted the same steer and collected for it from the Government a dozen times over. It has been done in Government contracts over and over. No writ of injunction has ever been potent enough to lie against it; no Federal court has ever reversed on a technicality the right of these politicians to carry on this form of public larceny. It's a game so many can play at if no-body makes any noise, and the louder the public passas which greet the sight of our splendid fleet the deeper Inale and the gang put their hands in the bag and the more they divide in the alley. Let us remember that while our eyes are on the Standard Oil a lot of pick-pockets may be getting in their work.

There are drydocks capable of taking in the Delaucare class of battleships, that is to say, the new 20,000-ton Dreadnought type. Such is the drydock at League Island, for instance

nually for the construction and maintenance of the ships. Not only is the money gone, but the honor of the country and the colossal indemnities of war.

The Russian navy at the time of the Japanese War demonstrated clearly that a mere collection of ships, a mere mass of material, even though greatly superior to the material of an opposing nation, will not insure victory in time of war, if there is no proper, well-considered plan ready for instant adoption when war comes. The Russian navy, in ships and material, taken as a whole, was greatly more powerful than that of Japan; but it was completely destroyed by an inferior navy because

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the ships were not sent to the right place at the right time, and the fleets and squadrons were not drilled, mobilized, and concentrated as they should have been. The Japanese were enabled to smash the different squadrons in detail. There was no judgment whatever shown in the general management of the Russian fleets, the divisions of which practically worked independently, giving no support one to the other. One of the officers with the Russian fleet, who was afterward killed, pathetically wrote his wife and expressed his utter and complete lack of confidence in the Russian plan of campaign because of the very conditions which exist in our navy to-day—that there was no military direction at the head, no system, no coordination. On the contrary, he wrote, the Japanese anticipated everything, knew exactly what they were going to do, and worked in accordance with an inwere going to do, and worked in accordance with an in telligent, carefully considered plan.

Eight Independent Bureaus



HERE have been fleets powerful in numbers of ships and guns, manned by a personnel of good fighting material, and yet wholly inefficient for purposes of war," wrote Rear-Admiral Stephen B. Luce (retired) recently in the "North American Review."

Our Navy Department is composed of eight independent bureaus, each one looking out for itself, zealously perhaps and in a way perhaps efficiently—each one jealous of the other, more or less, and none of them with time to consider a condition of war, so busy are they in routine work.

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When the Civil War began, it was immediately recognized that the navy bureaus were incompetent to carry on war, and Mr. G. V. Fox, who had been a naval officer and had subsequently engaged in a business career, was made Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and practically became the General Staff of the navy. It was recognized that there was no force in the Navy Department—no individual, no organization, that had the time or the ability to wrestle with those problems of strategy and tactics and where to send the navy and what to do with it. The bureau chiefs were busy with their legitimate duties of preparing material and recruiting the personnel and dividing the clothes and the food, and of course the civilian Secretary had no real knowledge of war or how to prosecute war. Matters were much the same in the army. Until General Grant took command, there had been no recognized head and no recognized general policy controlling the movements of our armies to effectuate a common purpose and a certain result. There had been division of counsels, mistake after mistake. Like Napoleon Grant became his own board of strategy and handled the situation practically with undivided military responsibility. It was, no doubt, a study of the mistakes and errors of the Civil War that caused Von Moltke to outline such a perfect system for the German army. In the war, with Spain it was at once recognized that the are they in routine work.

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For many years after the War of 1812 the general policy of the navy was controlled under the Secretary by a Board of Naval Commissioners. Their work was intelligently and efficiently performed, until the navy expanded to such an extent that the Board of Naval Commissioners was not able to control the peace routine, the work of construction, and the consideration of matters of general policy and naval strategy. A scheme of reorganization was promosed which resulted in the hureau systems.

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tem. It provided adequately for the peace routine, the building of ships, and the recruiting of the service, but omitted to provide any individual or any board of competent officers or advisers for the Secretary of the Navy, whose duty it should be to consider matters of general policy and naval strategy for the effective use of the naval material—the ships—in case war came. When the war with Spain came, that country was in worse condition than we were. Its navy was in a state of utter unpreparedness. Before Cervera sailed for Santiago he called the attention of his Navy Department to the fact that there was no plan, no preparation. His ships

utter unpreparedness. Before Cervera sailed for Santiago he called the attention of his Navy Department to the fact that there was no plan, no preparation. His ships were not ready. There had been no anticipation of the conditions that he might be required to meet. He started out with a feeling of hopelessness and helplessness. "What can be more infamous than the conduct of our navy?" asked Politovsky, Engineer-in-Chief of Rojestvensky's squadron. "They have the impertinence to say: Who dare criticize us?" When will there be an end to this inefficiency, bragging, and conceit? . . . Naval work they do not understand. They do not serve for war and are not prepared for it. The navy is for them the means of getting all the good things of life. . . . Every one acts as he thinks fit. There are no plans, forethought, or system. . . . Can there be success under these conditions? . . . We might win, but it would only be by chance. With us, it is the old system called 'perhaps' and the old game of trust to luck."

Is it worth while to take these lessons to ourselves? The luck of the Spanish war spoiled the American people and shut their eyes to true conditions. In the acclaim of victory the difficulties and worries of the commanders were forgotten. The only thing the Spanish war proved was the efficiency of our personnel and the ability of the officers to handle ships and squadrons and to meet the emergencies that arose. Compared with the efficiency of our navy of to-day, our marksmanship was poor and would have remained so to-day but for the fact that President Roosevelt interested himself personally in the subject. The nations with which we would be most apt to be involved to-day, if war came, study the fact that President Roosevelt interested himself personally in the subject. The nations with which we would be most apt to be involved to-day, if war came, study these problems of preparedness and strategy in a serious manner, and they do not forget, in time of peace, what the demands of a state of war may be. If on the high seas we should meet now the naval forces of a nation which is organized for war, and whose whole fleet is ready for instant and intelligent action, we may appreciate the fatal mistake of waiting until war is actually upon us before putting our navy in the hands, not of statesmen and Government cliques, but of those who actually know war and its strategy. war and its strategy.

Efficiency and Preparedness the Test



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HE whole essence of spending millions on a navy is the efficiency of the battleship, the fighting efficiency of the fleet, and the absolute preparedness of the whole navy to move instantly and in the right direction, in accordance with the principles of naval warfare and naval strategy, as soon as war is threatened. It would be a poor fire department that lacked its chief whose eye was constantly on its readiness for the alarm, or that depended upon the directive energies of the city council in a great conflagration. It is fatal to follow longer the past folly, and to wait until war is upon us before we call into legal being any board of individuals who are competent to consider the demands of war. The building of our engines of war and our preparation for war are both in the hands of bureau chiefs, many of whom know little of ships, some of whom have never been to sea. When war comes, they step aside and say to those who are hastily summoned to take charge: "Here, take this job off our hands. It doesn't look good to us." Certain of these bureau officers are called "admirals," but they don't perform any of the functions and have none of the knowledge required of an admiral. When a member of Congress rises in his place and speaks of the opinion of one of these "admirals," giving him a

rank to which he is not entitled, except by custom and consent, the people, not knowing the difference, give this "admiral's" opinion the same weight and the same respect that they do that of the real admiral who really does go to sea and who really does command ships and

the Naval Academy, one of whom graduated high in his class and the other was dismissed for misconduct. The latter afterward entered one of the staff corps of the navy, through political influence, and reached the rank of captain two years ahead of his classmate, who remained and graduated with distinction. There are numerous cases where the unsuccessful man in his class got to positions of high rank and big pay ahead of his classmate who took all the hard knocks of the service but hadn't any political pull. In the eyes of the public, who naturally applaud success, because they see it, rather than merit, which they do not see, the political admiral is just as great a military genius as the line man.

Pugnacious Public Opinion the Need



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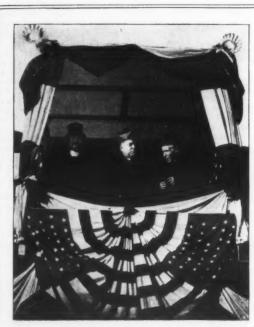
OLITICALLY, his influence is far greater, because he has social opportunities in Washington of meeting the political powers in Congress, while the real admiral, who is guileless in the arts of the lobby, anyhow, is tending his ships and his sailors at sea. What we want is a pugnacious public opinion—prompt, vigorous, and emphatic—which will rout the politicians from their comfortable cushions in the Navy and Treasury Departments, and which will keep always before it the picture of the contending Russian and Japanese fleets and the words of Petrovsky, the Russian engineer. Our country has become a first-rate power, while we are still running our navy on the plan of the district school. If any one had heard a certain great citizen of this country, standing in the War Department office during the Spanish-American War and hurling volleys of plain-spoken denunciation of the incompetency, inefficiency, and downright ignorance of the responsible officers whom he was addressing, he would not only suddenly awaken to the critical peril of unpreparedness and inefficiency, but he would realize, after all, that republics, as well as monarchies, are often governed by mediocrity. Neither would he be surprised to learn that Washington was forced to complain that during the colonial war, through the connivance of his officers, many of his soldiers were on leaves of absence, working on their own plantations or on the plantations of others while drawing pay from the public.

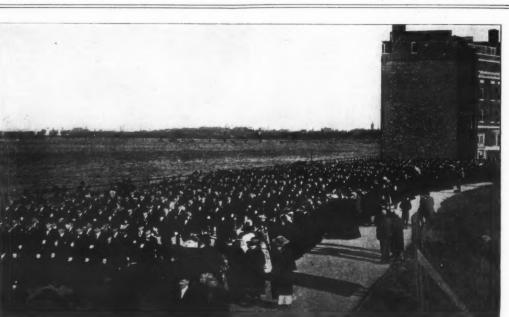
What is needed? A few years ago Secretary Root reorganized the War Department. Complaints had been

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What is needed? A few years ago Secretary Root reorganized the War Department. Complaints had been made which were hushed, because if their specifications had become public there would have been panic and rebellion in the army. In the "Century" for November, 1899, President Roosevelt had written: "The army [in the Spanish War] did its work by sheer dogged courage and hard fighting in spite of an unpreparedness which almost brought disaster upon it, and would, without doubt, actually have done so had not the defects and shortcomings of the Spanish administration been even greater than our own." Secretary Root's attention was called to the recommendations of Brevet Major-General Emory Upton. General Upton had called attention to the fact that the same unpreparedness which President Roosevelt called attention to in our Spanish War had occurred in all our wars, bringing upon us vast and unnecessary losses in lives and treasure, and leaving with us a pension debt which exceeds to date the cost of our navy's maintenance for twenty-five years to come. We are, as a matter of fact, paying more for our pensions than Germany pays for her army. He cited from each of our wars incident after incident, mistake after mistake, and made a stinging arraignment of our military system—stinging in the force and moral impact of its undisputed facts. These recommendations of General

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The parade of 40,000 members of Holy Name Society in Boston on November 1. At the left is the reviewing stand, with Mayor Hibbard, Archbishop O' Connell, and Card nal Gibbons (from left to right). The parade was the climax in the five days' celebration of the Catholic Centennial

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University Executive and Eminent Citizen - Gentle, Fearless, Untiring

By RICHARD WASHBURN CHILD



HE sharpness of late October was in the air. In the gloom of the fall dusk, which was lightened and warmed, here and there, by the glow of windows in the Harvard College yard, one who had come to see President Eliot walked up and down before the white walls of University Hall. The sky was full of somber, rushing wind clouds, and the old elms rustled their last leaves as if to attract the attention of the young men in shadowy forms who passed and repassed, diagonally over these ancient paths. Over there were new buildings—newly enlisted in the ranks. The place must have changed much in a quarter of a century! And if ghosts of old-time pedagogues and scholars do come back later to shiver in the chilly moonlight they must be fully satisfied with their own observations and gossip. They must, perforce, give the credit to him—to President Eliot. This University is his.

It was partly by coincidence that the one who had come to see him had timed his visit ten days before the country knew that Eliot had resigned. And yet it was not the man who had made a university that was so interesting to the visitor. More interesting was the personality—the riddle—of this really great man whose word goes farther than that of any who are not in office of state.

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Building a university, however, the visitor reflected, as he turned up his coat collar, is, after all, a life-work for any one. It means in this instance something more than brick on brick and stone on stone; something more than the growth of university money resources over one thousand per cent in forty years; something more than an increase of students from a little over one thousand in 1869 to almost five thousand in 1908, and even something more than the increase of teachers from fifty-eight to five hundred and eighty. It means more than keeping an old university in the lead, in spite of competition—something more than that.

A good deal more. It meant the introduction of the freedom of learning into American university life, not only here about this old institution, but, by the example, everywhere. The elective system, the freedom of higher education, whatever this man or that shall say of it, has been the most important idea applied to education that ever proceeded from a single mind. It has at least taught the doctrine of individualism in learning; it has at least cleaned out all the old fog and pettifog of our inherited educational traditions. This belongs to him. It is his.

In these forty years of service, too, he has raised standards and broadened opportunities, and it was in his time that legal teaching at Harvard became an example to all the world of legal teaching, by the system of demonstrating the application of the common law to actual cases, a system which has now even become a part of these things of growth. Flashes of light into the field of education they were, and he made their brightness permanent. He has seen museums and gymnasiums, memorials and hospitals, and acres of college playground come to the University. Now even the old walls

nent. He has seen museums and gymnasiums, memorials and hospitals, and acres of college playground come to the University. Now even the old walls of these grim old buildings, ivy-clad, seem to be his. It is his University. There is interest in pulling down from the shelves what one remembers have been told about him as a student in the control of th

President Eliot as a young man

There is interest in pulling down from the shelves what one remembers has been told about him as a student and university officer even before one begins to think of him again as he is—a student and an officer of mankind—one who has been so much more than a university president that he is thought of less as a great educator than as a great citizen. No one knows Eliot. Many know him well, but they do not know him all. Some have seen his character grow and ripen. They have been side by side with him. They have seen the little change after change in the lines of his face, which show in the comparison of his photographs of years ago and of now. They know better than the younger men how truly a drama is represented in these pictures. Better than others they see the significance of a high-raised head that has lifted higher and higher with age; a mouth that was firm in youth—the mouth of a judge of the Supreme Court—that the years have made more firm. But there is something within that they did not know when Eliot was a boy in college. They do not know it now. That inner character is as far from them, as undefinable, as mysterious as the personality of Zoroaster. His class in Harvard College—the class of 1853—wrote to him on his seventieth birthday, saying: "When we die, the first mention in our obituary notices is that we were classmates of President Eliot, and sometimes not much else is added." Well, they recognize his size, but even they know him not.

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They remember him in college as an austere boy, ever impressing their instincts as being far away from them, ever impressing their mentalities as being very near and loving and human. One of his fellows, writing of those days, says that Eliot was shy and retiring. A poor choice of words. He was not shy and retiring unless the East Indian who sits upon the banks of the Ganges and thinks may be called shy and retiring. Oliver Wendell Holmes spoke of this kind of man as a Brahmin. But Eliot was not an Oriental then; he is not now. Then he studied and exercised hard, now, at seventy-five, he

But Eliot was not an Oriental Then he studied and exercised hard, now, at seventy-five, he loves to run to a fire, like a boy, and, with Mrs. Eliot, rides a bicycle every early morning of the pleasant year. He is not a Brahmin. He cares too much for life. And though he refused the offer of membership to several clubs when he was a student, and although he was undoubtedly a "grind," he was not then and is not now a man of great importance to himself. In a faculty meeting not long ago a professor spoke to him a spontaneous word of praise—a statement of how secure was his name in the history of education. The president smiled. It was not until the meeting was breaking up that he said suddenly: "Who was president of the University a hundred years ago?" No one knew. And Eliot smiled again—that gentle smile of his, that curious little smile that one feels must mean a mind within that can lift itself out of the ous fittle smile that one feels must mean a mind within that can lift itself out of the plane of other minds about. So many men try to imitate that kind of smile. Little men have said that Eliot is

So many men try to imitate that kind of smile. Little men have said that Eliot is smug, but larger men are not so sure.

He was the same years ago as he is now—inside. The passage of a half-century has shaped his character around him, but somewhere beneath there is that unchanging, hidden personality, shrouded in its heavy mantle. To the stranger he often directs interrogations like the interrogations of the highest type of Chinese mandarin: "Where were you born?" "Had your parents money?" Perhaps that will be all. It is like the doctor's questions: "Did you first notice a headache?" "Let me look into your throat." Mr. Eliot sinks back into his chair with a comfortable sigh and nods to you to say what you will. He has placed you. He has lifted your mantle. He draws his own about him—no man's eyes have seen beyond it, and it makes you feel his power. To those who have called him rude or cold, there is left only the feeling that now they sit before a man who is really good and great. From boyhood up it has never been necessary for him to wear the studied postures or insignia of dignity. He shocked the Porto Ricans who came to the summer school by walking through Harvard Square carrying a

shocked the Porto Ricans who came to the summer school by walking through Harvard Square carrying a huge watermelon that was all the more conspicuously and brilliantly green because the president of Har-vard carried it.

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He is human. Sometimes men graduate from college unwilling to believe it. They have passed him time after time without his recognition. They do not know that he is short-sighted; they would not believe that he has the most extraordinary knowledge of the annual body of youth for whom he broadly administers. In some cases they would be astonished to find out that he knew a great deal about their single personalities and aims. He walks by—a figure—the president—inspiring a distant affection and awe. But he was the man who chanced along when a sophomore was killed by a fall from a high place in the yard, and who, when the boy died a few hours later, would not telegraph or telephone, but at nearly seventy was driven many miles through a wet night to the little country home so that he might talk to the boy's father. And years ago when the smallpox got into the college and word was passed around the classroom that so and so was down with the disease, some one asked where he had been taken. "To Eliot's home," they said.

Once, too, there was a lonely freshman from the West who had come to a baseball song rehearsal in the yard.

who had come to a baseball song rehearsal in the yard. He timidly drew near to the torchlights and the circle of the crowd and leaned against a tree in the dark shadows until, suddenly warmed by the contagion of the cheers, he turned to the figure half-hidden in the gloom

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"This is great, eh?" "I enjoy it," said the other. It was the president.

One also remembers that a distinguished visitor at Mr. Eliot's summer home not many years ago was astounded early one morning by a repetition of thumps and bumps that shook the house. "You've done it, Sam," came the president's voice, and the visitor found that Mr. Eliot, a youth of sixty-odd summers, had been wrestling with his son on a landing and had rolled over and over down the stairs to the bottom. It was enough to give color to the suggestion by some one that Mr. Gompers, who had called Mr. Eliot an effeminate theorizer, should meet the president of Harvard, "give or take five pounds, at the ringside."

The visitor to the Harvard yard waiting to see Mr. Eliot still paced up and down and thought for a moment of the attitude toward him, not of college men or even graduates, but of other men—and women, too, here in New England and beyond the Connecticut River and over the Atlantic, which now has filled this autumn dusk with the tang of a salt breeze. So many men—those with pressed clothes and those with callouses on their hands—have spoken of him as the greatest living man within their knowledge. Perhaps the uneducated and the simpler man is even more fond of him than the man with a degree—more proud for having Eliot's sympathy and understanding, more gratified for having Eliot talk to him as a friend and a prophet.

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degree—more proud for having Eliot's sympathy and understanding, more gratified for having Eliot talk to him as a friend and a prophet.

Such men love him for a reason that appeals especially to their kind—for his courage. You could not frighten this old man with a theory; you could not frighten him with a six-shooter. The uncompromising quality of his idea of truth is astonishing. His mind goes to work upon a question, and when once he believes in its answer and the principle behind the answer, no consideration of himself or of expediency will drag him away. He made an address to the Boston labor unions on the subject of the rights of non-union men. Incidentally that was an occasion!

Crowds of the labor union men had gathered in Faneuil Hall to hear him—necessarily a sullen audience, as all audiences who have fought for a principle as large as that of the closed shop must be before an attack. But Eliot talked as he always talks, as he addresses audiences of scholars and audiences of bootblacks—and he has addresses audiences of scholars and audiences of bootblacks, too—in his calm simplicity, in that wonderful economy of words and with that stirring suggestion of a great power checked in harness and magnificently driven with a snaffle-bit. There was not a chance to question that, when he began, these labor unionsists looked upon him as the representative of all the forces that opposed them: every face showed distrust, suspicion, doubt of Eliot's sincerity. At the end not a man among them would not have gambled his life on the fact that Eliot was the straightest man that ever came in and went out the doors of Faneuil Hall. One could almost see that belief rising from the audience like steam.

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Let us not forget that to go beyond this and win their conviction of the soundness of his plea that all men have the right to labor was Eliot's great desire. But a few days later when they wanted to print his speech for distribution, he refused to have it go out with the union label upon it. To yield to this point might have tempted some very large figures in our public life; on the whole, it was commonplace for Mr. Eliot to refuse.

This is being a public servant—to live and think and speak as Eliot has lived and spoken and thought. To many of us he is to-day the one great preacher and disciple of individual freedom—of democracy. This idea so saturates the fabric of his career and the weave of his mind that it can not be discussed in terms of particular application. All that we remember is this—that man after man, man after man has been taught by him each to worship his own gods, each to smile his own smile, and each to fight his own fight.

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O THOSE who are grateful for it this would be enough. But in the course of his humble public service, Eliot has definitely advanced the solution of defi-

of his humble public service, Eliot has definitely advanced the solution of definite American problems.

He has made popular the study and reform of elementary education. From him came the real power that took the burden of all the old education by rule and rote off the shoulders of children, who alone had sense enough to see its folly and yet were the very ones who lacked the ability to frame a protest. It was his idea that the commonschool education ought to be flexible enough to reach every child's personality and come to that child with common sense and with the expectation of creating a real efficiency. In 1890 the Committee of Ten with their subcommittees followed the impetus of this new idea into an actual revolutionary reform of public school education. There is not a boy or girl who will be scrubbed and sent to school to-morrow morning and on mornings and mornings for a long time to come who might not look upon this home, up that slope yonder, with gratitude for a new training of eye and ear and hand and a better molding of the mind. Mr. Eliot served the country well when he earned this gratitude. We hear much of public servants; this is being one.

There is, too, a definite service to the question of contest between labor and capital, which he has performed.

test between labor and capital, which he has performed. He has made the American people see through the smoke of this battle two unquestioned truths; first, that we

Other People's Take

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GREAT house, built over a hundred years ago of seasoned timbers, and with much toil of honest fingers, directed by stanch New England consciences, standing majestically aloof in its great yard, marked off in sections by tall box hedges, was called in Wellbrook "the old Squire Amos K. Price house."

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Squire Amos K. Price had lain wellbrook were, as a rule, hard-working folk; they rose early and went to bed tired out. It would have been much less trouble to have said "the Squire Price house," or even "the Price house," but the Amos K. reigned triumphant, although only one very old man and one old woman of the village could remember him in the flesh.

The old man had been Squire Amos K. Price's faithful satellite; he had worshiped him as a retainer might have worshiped his feudal lord. To this old man, a pensioner upon the bounty of his grandson, who kept the village store, Amos K. Price even now was scarcely defunct. He would talk by the hour, to any one who would listen, about the departed glories of the man whose grave was sunken below the ground level beside his tall shaft of marble monument. It was of this old man, Josiah Peabody by name, that the story was told of his having been asked how he liked a sermon preached nearly two-thirds of a century ago by a divine who lay in the village graveyard not far from the Price lot, and his famous reply, given from the innocent depths of his simple, adoring heart: "I don't know; I ain't seen Squire Amos K. Price vet."

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"Here is a lot of sugar in the bot-tom of this cup," said she severely

known the dead Squire, subsisted in a wavering, uncertain fashion, seeming to hover over the homes of humanity as an unwelcome bird over a nest which was not hers by right; not exactly living, existing, first upon the bounty of one, then another, who harbored her with her weight of years, and plumed themselves upon their Christian discharge of duty. It, is a bitter thing, if one senses it, to live to become the source of self-righteousness to other human beings, and this old woman had come to that. But deep in her heart was a memory which still perfumed it and made her worth while to her own self. It would have seemed a ridiculous little memory to others, had she made it known, but she never had. All her life she had hugged it close, lit with the prismatic fire of her own imagination and love, until it was as a pearl in the depths of her very being. The memory was only that once, once only, when she was a sweet young girl, and Squire Amos K. an ardent youth, he had accompanied her home from some village festivity, and had kissed her good-by at her father's door. That had been the end, as far as the youth was concerned. He had returned to college, and had never noticed the little village girl again. He had married a grand dame from the city. He had lived and died in the great mansionhouse. He had held the state of a feudal lord in his native village. His wife had died, and he had married

The Holiday Tale of the Artful Goodness of a Timid Woman

the second time, but neither wife brought him a child. The village girl had never married. She had lived to be old and poor, with that pearl of divine value in her heart. Always she pondered upon it, and the face of Squire Amos K. as he had been in his youth was ever before her mental vision.

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The present inmates of the Squire Amos K. Price house were two old women. One was a third cousin of Squire Amos K. The other was a distant cousin of hers upon the maternal side, and, consequently, of no relation whatever to the old Squire. This third cousin, whose name was Eliza Price, had come into possession of the entire property, after having lived in another New England State, upon a scanty income, until she was past middle life.

Squire Amos K. had left no will. He had seemed to have a haughty disdain for death, and an incredulity that the great Transformer would ever dare to approach the door of his stately dwelling; and thus there were no public charities to multiply his monument. The entire estate went to Eliza Price. When she was notified of her inheritance she at once took possession, and she brought to live with her the distant relative, who was entirely penniless, having done plain sewing for sustenance. The relative's name was Sophia Wilton. She was a curious, small creature, old, yet with an effect of youth. Her little blond face was a network of wrinkles. but people looked at her without seeing them, perhaps because of the compelling fire of youth in her blue eyes. Her eyes were young, and would always be young. Life had had no power to dim them. Out of them youth looked and sparkled and flamed. She was so small that no clothes ever fitted her. They hung upon her tiny frame. Her thin hands peeped out of great, overhanging sleeves. She never had a garment of any but an obsolete fashion. She was wearing out the clothes of Squire Amos K.'s second wife, who had been a small woman, but not as small as Sophia.

Eliza Price esteemed it a very fortunate providence that the Squire's first wife had been a large woman, and that she herself, being also large, was provided with a wardrobe for the rest of her life. One thing, however, puzzled her. She could not understand why the

got four silk dresses."

Eliza would eye Sophia with a certain anger at the thought of those four silk dresses, albeit she could think of nothing better to do with them than to bestow them upon Sophia.

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Eliza was a very frugal woman. She herself esteemed it something wasteful to be wearing the rich clothes left behind by the first Mrs. Amos K. "It does seem very queer to me that the second wife didn't use the first wife's clothes, and I don't see, either, why the first cared anything about such elegant things, living here in this little town," she said. Then she looked aggressively at her purple silk lap. The first Mrs. Amos K. had apparently had a fondness for royal purple. There were so many rich royal purple gowns stowed away in the garret that Eliza was clad in that majestic hue most of the time.

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"Maybe the second wife kind of hated to wear the first wife's things," said Sophia timidly.

"Shucks!" replied Eliza. Eliza had none of the marks of high breeding which had distinguished the great Squire. She had lived in a plain way in a plain New England village. Her speech was blunt and inelegant. Royal purple was horribly incongruous for her. She was large and leaden of hue, with a massive, square-cheeked face and set jaw. She had had a severe attack of rheumatism in one leg shortly after her inheritance had come to her, and she sat all day in a great rocking-chair at a front window of the sitting-room. By dint of pain and perseverance, with the tiny Sophia acting as tug, she could hitch herself across the room to her bedroom. Aside from that, she rarely stirred. Sophia prepared her meals and brought them to her. She moved no more than was absolutely necessary, and would not have moved at all had it not been for her terrible will, and her skill in making the most of the muscles upon which she could still rely. She never complained, but she was always in a state of wrath. She never said it to Sophia, but often to herself, that it was certainly cruel that after living frugally, as she had done all her life, with no opportunity for enjoyment, she should lose her power the moment the opportunity arrived.

And yet she was probably enjoying herself as much as she was capable of enjoying anything. She had much, and she was saving. Nobody knew how much Eliza Price enjoyed the sense of possession. She had always



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owned so little that new riches seemed to be developing within her character seeds of miserliness. The two women lived upon an inconceivably small amount. Sophia did not object, for she was so tiny that her physical needs were matched. She was entirely content to peck at crumbs, like a bird. But the great, crippled old woman often went hungry, and got a morbid pleasure from it.

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"Mrs. John Hughes and Mrs. W. H. Mills came in yesterday near supper-time, just to see what we had," she told Sophia one day in October. "They hung round and they hung round, and they stood in the doorway a solid half-hour after they had got up to go, but they didn't find out anything. They knew you had been out to set the kettle on, and they were dying to find out what I was going to have for supper, but they didn't." Eliza was at that moment making her meal of a slice of toast without any butter, and a cup of very weak tea. Sophia had had her supper in the kitchen.

"I suppose if they had seen me having supper without any cake or sauce, they would have thought I was awful stingy," she went on. "But you can't have your cake and eat it too, and I was always one that wanted my cake." Sophia smiled her sweet, youthful smile, which deepened all her wrinkles and made one forget them.

"Mrs. John Hughes, she was telling about the layer cake and scalloped oysters she was going to have for supper, and Mrs Mills said her husband always wanted something real hearty, and she was going to have beefsteak. H'm! I miss my guess if both those women don't see the slay when they'll wish they had lived on a little less and had a little more. Beefsteak at twenty-cight cents a pound for supper! H'm!"

"It does seem pretty dear," assented Sophia in her pretty little mild voice.

"Dear! It's robbery. We ain't held up on the high-road the way we read about in books, but the butcher holds us up at our kitchen doors every day, and it's 'Your money or your life,' and no mistake. Twenty-eight cents a pound? Well, we ain't fools enough to pay many twenty-eight cents to the butcher. I don't think so much meat is healthy, for my part."

"I'd just as lief have other things," assented Sophia sweetly. She sat watching Eliza Price eat her dry toast and sip her tea. There w

"I don't think I did."
"Next time you had better bring the sugar-bowl in here, and let me sweeten my tea myself. I ain't going to waste sugar, dear as things are now."
"Yes," Sophia said with her unfailing sweetness, "I

Eliza looked out of the window, her attention diverted r some people passing. "Who are those two women?" as asked.

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were better than Eliza's, who needed new spectacles, but would not purchase on account of the expense.

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"You know better, Sophia Wilton. Can't I see two
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"The man has got on a long coat, and that swishes. It's Amy Horton and Lem Jay."

"What business has Lem Jay got with a coat with a long tail that swishes? I know it cost no end of money. He's as poor as Job's off ox. He'd better save up his money if he ever expects to marry that girl."

"I saw old Mis' Horton in the store yesterday," said Sophia, "and she told me she didn't know as they ever could get married. She says all he gets is sixty dollars a month, and he's smart, too, but the firm he works for has a lot of young men relations they put ahead of him."

"Land, why don't he get another place?"

"She says it ain't so easy these times, and they are always holding up hope of doing better by him, and sort of hangin' onto him. She says they're real dogs-in-themanger, and he don't know what to do. She says Amy feels real bad about it. You know Amy is 'most twenty-eight, for all she looks so young, and she and Lem have been going together for 'most ten years, and she says it's all she and Amy and Amy's mother can do to hitch along with what they've got. She says if Amy and Lem would live with them it would be all right, but you know what Amy's mother is. She means well, and she's a real good woman, but she's terrible nervous, and Lem Jay is nervous, and they wouldn't get along nohow. She says if



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Lem and Amy only had enough money for a little start, to furnish a house and get some clothes ahead, she thinks they might risk it, but they haven't."

"Why don't Amy Horton teach school and earn enough money to get her fix and furnish her house?"

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"You know she did try to, two years ago, but she had to give it up. The doctor said she wasn't strong enough. She couldn't stand the close air in the schoolhouse." "Fiddlesticks!"

Sophia said no more. She took the tray which contained Eliza's tea-things into the kitchen, and proceeded to wash the dishes. When she had finished she stood at a window gazing out. It was almost dark. She had been barely able to finish her task, but kerosene was so carefully husbanded in the household that she had not lit a lamp. She saw beyond the window a stretch of field, without trees, sloping in shadowy curves in the dusk, and beyond the field the blur of a great oak, and a light gleaming from a house window next door. The dusk, and beyond the field the blur of a great oak, and a light gleaming from a house window next door. The light was in the window of the Horton house. Amy Horton's mother had been a cousin of old Squire Amos K. Price's first wife. If the Squire had not outlived his wife the Hortons would have shared in the inheritance. Sophia always thought of Amy as a relative, and, in a manner, deprived of her rights. Her little face in the deepening dusk took on a curious expression. Sophia had hidden depths of character, and now her face betrayed them. She looked calculating, shrewd, almost impish, and yet there were tears in her eyes.

The cat, a great tiger cat, came and rubbed an arching back against her legs. Sophia turned away from the window and went to the pantry for some milk. In pouring it into the saucer she spilled a little.

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"Don't know what she'd say if she knew I'd wasted all that milk," she muttered. In reality Sophia knew quite well what Eliza would say, and also what she would say if she knew the cat was there at all. Sophia was in terror lest the cat steal into the front part of the house, and betray his existence to Eliza. He was a stray which Sophia had taken in, and she loved him. She fed him with food which she went without herself, and in that her conscience did not assail her; but she felt guilty with regard to harboring him without Eliza's knowledge. Eliza declared that she detested pet animals. "People had better put what cats and dogs cost into their own mouths, and save their money," she was wont to say.

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Once, to Sophia's horror, the cat had actually strayed into the sitting-room, but she got him out before Eliza had seen him, although her suspicion was aroused.

"What was that?" she asked sharply, after the cat had been silently hustled out, and the door, which was behind her chair, closed.

"What?" asked Sophia with duplicity.

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"That noise. It sounded like a sort of rumble."
"Maybe it was thunder," replied Sophia.
"Thunder without a cloud in the sky! Don't you supse I know thunder when I hear it?"
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from but she loved the eat.

"A great wasp got into the room yesterday," said Sophia. She could be horribly sly. She was culpable, and she knew it. She had driven the wasp out the day before, but she loved the cat.

"Why didn't you say it was a wasp, and done with it?" Eliza had inquired irascibly. "It sounded like a wasp buzzing, but when you talk about thunder I should think you were losing your mind."

The cat had not been seen by Eliza since that day, for Sophia had guarded her secret well. She knew that Eliza would insist upon his banishment, and felt that she could not bear that. Her heart was full of love, and it had not much upon which to lavish itself directly. Eliza presented, apparently, a granite surface toward the soft impulses of affection, although Sophia loved her with all her heart. Then there were Amy Horton and her mother and grandmother. Sophia loved them, but love was too strong a word to apply to their sentiments toward her. There was, in reality, no reason why people should love Sophia Wilton unless they saw below her surface, and the two elder Hortons were not women to see below surfaces, and Amy was too much engrossed with her love for Lem Jay.

But the cat loved Sophia, and he knew and appreciated her love for himself. It was not the fact that she fed and sheltered him. He loved her, because he came and brushed about her, arching his back, striped as splendidly as if he had but just left the jungle, when he was not in the least hungry. Sophia took a deal of comfort with her stolen treasure, the cat. Sometimes it seemed to her that she had a queer delight in feeling that it was stolen. Sophia had a bit of the devil in her, despite her age and training, and mild and gentle ways. She was not quite regenerate, and, what was worse, the fact did not trouble her, at least not yet. She had all her life

age and training, and mild and gentle ways. She was not quite regenerate, and, what was worse, the fact did not trouble her, at least not yet. She had all her life had a sceret desire for excitement, for some variation in the meek monotony of things, and she had been getting it through her guilty entertainment of the cat, and was now about to get it in a much larger degree.

When Sophia went to bed that night, she lay awake for hours, staring at the light in the window of the Horton house, which her room faced.

"They are sitting up," she told herself, meaning that Amy and Lem Jay were love-making in the room lit by that lamp. Poor Sophia, generous by her very nature, and even lavish, showed a little taint from her life with Eliza Price, the miserly. She thought with dismay how much the lamp must cost. Three times every week Sophia saw it burning until midnight and past, and she had gotten a habit of lying awake and watching for it to go out.

Sophia had never had a vernage in her whal. He

had gotten a habit of lying awake and backing the to go out.

Sophia had never had a romance in her whole life. Now she was obtaining, through the power of intense sympathy, and of a splendid love for love itself and all that was alive, a vicarious and really happy knowledge of that which had not come to her personally. As she lay there watching that light in the window, she felt almost as if she herself were Amy Horton sitting with her lover.

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The next day Sophia, after doing an errand at the store for Eliza, stopped at the Horton house. Only old Mrs. Horton was at home.

"Sarah" (Sarah was her daughter-in-law and Amy's mother) "has gone to the sewing meeting, and Amy has gone out somewheres," said old Mrs. Horton. She sat beside a south window, which was filled with shelves of geraniums in bloom. The mass of heart-shaped leaves



"You don't leave her alone much, do you?" said old Mrs. Horton in her listless voice.
"No, I don't like to. If the house got afire I don't know how she'd ever get out."
"Guess she could manage to hitch out somehow," said old Mrs. Horton, and there was a sudden animosity in her voice. She did not like Eliza Price. She felt that she, as a relative of the Squire's second wife, should have had some of the property.

had some of the property.
"I wouldn't risk it," said Sophia, "but I don't worry



Her hands laden with rich gifts, and her heart overflowing with love and contrition and thankfulness

when I'm here, for I can see the least sign of smoke, and

when I'm here, for I can see the least sign of smoke, and run over there in time to get her out."

"I guess she'd get out. Some folks always do," said old Mrs. Horton, and now her tone was pessimistic to a degree. "Some folks always get the cream, and other folks have to thank the Lord Almighty for about half enough of skim milk," she added, and she nodded her long head with a fierce movement.

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enough of skim milk," she added, and she nodded her long head with a fierce movement.

"Eliza has a good deal to bear, settin' the way she does, day in and day out, in a chair, and she with so much money," said Sophia mildly.

"There's worse things than settin' in a chair, and knowing where the money's comin' from to pay everything," said old Mrs. Horton. Tears began to stream down the long furrows of her cheeks, and she raised an angry hand against them. "Here's Lem not comin' any more," said she, and openly sobbed.

"Not comin' any more?"

"No. Amy told him last night. She said she thought she'd ought to be plain about it. She said there was no chance of their ever getting married, and they'd been going together 'most ten years, and pretty soon it would make talk. Poor Lem; he broke down and cried like a baby, and Amy, too. Sarah and me was in here, and the door was ajar. I say it's wicked for some folks to have



"I always did like cats," says she

and flower-clusters formed an odd background for her eager, sallow face. Mrs. Horton was long in limb and feature, elongated expressing her better than long. She looked as if she had been stretched upon some rack of looked as if she had been stretched upon some rack of life. All the lines in her face were downward. She had a habit of holding her chin down, and her hands, when unoccupied, always drooped. She generally had a sad expression, and to-day it was sadder than ever. There were red stains around her hollow eyes.

"I'm real glad you came in," she said to Sophia in a melancholy voice.

"I had to go to the store to get some more liniment for Eliza," said Sophia, "and I thought I'd just run in a minute. I told her maybe I might, and she said she didn't mind."

so much money they don't know what to do with it, and have to jest let it lay idle, when the happiness of other folks' whole life has to be ruinated for the want of it,"

Sophia looked at old Mrs. Horton, and her face had a singular expression. "Do you mean they've given up getting married at all?" said she.

"Yes, poor Amy has put her foot down. She says it's no use."

no use."
"It's got to be, whether or no." said Sophia sharply.
She put her handkerchief to her eyes, and she also sobbed. The other woman stared at her. "I'd like to know what you mean?" she said.
"I mean it's got to be, whether or no."
"I don't see how. You ain't an overruling Providence, be you?"

be you?" (Continued of



Ingersoll, Dartmouth, making 40-yard run—Princeton-Dartmouth game at Polo Grounds, New York, November 7—Dartmouth 10, Princeton 6

etters of a Japanese Schoolboy

SAN FRANCISCO, November 5, 1908
To Editor Collier Weekly which must
give large Colledge Yall to see such
great Yale-Harvard feetball combination when Hon. Roosevelt pushed
Hon. Taft across line,

Hox MR ...



HAVE discovered more yet. America are no sooner through

Election where every person are ready to banzai & make provoked hollers; soonly following this arrive Feetball when talented Colledge Ladds is glued together for chorus of howels & rores which you would not believe except when it happens. Then America gives Thanksgiving because they are glad it are all over; but so vainly to think! With immediate quickness arrive Happy New Years when the roof of Hon. Heaven are entirely shrieked away with steam whissles. After this who knows what?

"You have forgot to put in Fourth of Election where every person are ready

"You have forgot to put in Fourth of July," say Uncle Nichi. "That Hon. Explosion must be men-tioned all by itself," are contort for

me.

Mr. Editor, all newspaper-prints is now filled with scandal about feetballers & what happen to them. I understand how Carlyle Indians would be champions of America except for fact that Chief Kick-in-the-Head have regived something like his name, also wed something like his name; also back, Hon. Hoopi, have fraxured h legs; ¼ back, Crazy Buffalo, are w in hospital enjoying 2 or 3 ribs Young-Man-Who-Butts-Like-a-Goat. & Young-Man-Who-Butts-Like-a-Goat, famous tackler, have come apart & must be sewed together. White mans has been entirely unjust to Indians. Not satisfied with teaching them whisky-drunk they now educates them in feetball. The Nobel Red Man are thusly fast becoming a bursted race.

In another news-print I read-it how there are a general move in America to make feetball more kindly. How foolish to think! Feetball without an occasional murder would be like a bullfite without no Hon. Bull. It would be gentle, but who would come? I require no answer.

quire no answer.

Howeverly all grandest California Colledges is now playing Rugboy feetball which is English & therefore entirely polite. And yet necks can be bursted by this way if required.

LAST Saturday in early p. m. AST Saturday in early p. m. I make a very stylish appearance to my clothes which include frockaway coat, derby hat, respectful gloves & whatever shoes & socks are necessary for most beautiful way to look. With such ornaments I could not wear my familiar neektie which are getting too XLI: Feetball for Mollycuddles By. HASHIMURA TOGO

shabbed; so I borrow one of angry red complexion from Arthur Kickahajama who was not there when I took it. Thank you, Arthur, for kindness loan! With them fashionable haberdash I make my joyful footprints go in direction of sidewalk where all Japanese what see me revoke, "Where would Hashimura Togo go so completely decorated?" But for answer I make American eye-wink & nothing else.

rated? But for answer I make American eye-wink & nothing else.
Pretty soonly I arrive by door-mat of Yoshima Suki, Japanese carpenter, & there I do rap-tap with nervous knuckles. After deliciously long time Miss Evelyn Suki, dreamy lady of entire youngness, come to knob & look

miss Everyn Suki, dreamy lady of en-tire youngness, come to knob & look surprised because she expect it was me. "Kind morning, Mr. Togo," she say-it with deceptive expression of a female, "which of my Parents did you come to

"How many of them Parents have you got, please?" I remove with polite

"I got two to include 1 Mother & 1 Father both enjoying nice health," she

You are fortunate to have so many. I corrode, "therefore permit them to enjoy their nice health without disturb

from us."

She do so, thank you.

We set in parlor & have a few conversations & occasional topicks. I get more charms eech moment by her sweet looks & cowcattish smile. I could throb forever in such lonesome company.

Party could be supposed.

forever in such ionesome company.

Pretty soonly I say-so,

"Hon. Miss Suki, excuse me, sir, I
ask it" (such nerves from me!).

"Please may we go forthly together this
afternoon for some sporty amusement?"

"Where we go to find such a sporty
amusement?" she dement, tucking away
has had with morsel ways.

amusen.ent?" she dement, tucking away her hair with morsel wave.
"In Japanese Y. M. C. A.," I snagger, "Hon. Rev. Chillworthy will speek an entirely harmless lecture about 'Onward & Upward for Little Missionaries.' We could go there for minus expense because it are free."
Stillness from Miss Suki.
"You no care for such an excitements?" I ask it.
"Slightly, perhaps," are response

ents?" I ask it.
"Slightly, perhaps," are response
om her, "Where else could we go

(I make pocket wi for it?"
(I make sneekret count inside my pocket which contain 45c wealth.)
"Trolley-ride to Cliff House & peanuts by beach would be somewhat fashionable amusement if it wasn't raining," I snuggest.
"It might, but would it?" are next question for her.

question for her.

I begin to enjoy go-home feeling for such discouredged talk.

"To tell you truthly, Mr. Togo," she apply, "I got 2 tickets for one Feetball Game which will be kicked off this afternoon. You like to be chaperone afternoon. You like to to me for this ceremony

"I am reckless to try," I cheer up. (For only a very fooly person would omit to be chaperone to a Angel what got 2 tickets price \$4.) So we go there & seen what was.

M.R. EDITOR, with what crippled penmanship I got how should I attemp to describe such scene of banzai,

attemp to describe such scene of banzai, hara-kiri, stroggle & push what we seen for them 2 tickets? How can poor Japanese Schoolboy tell of such delicious race-riot all over mud which them heroes plowed with their faces? Therefore I shall do so.

Me & Miss Evelyn Suki we set on bleached seats between 6 maiden co-eds and 2 colledge boys of average age 63 years. Heart-bursting screams was enjoyed by them for entire afternoon. When most fiercest play of feetball happened them oldy colledge boys would

When most fiercest play of feetball happened them oldy colledge boys would strike me in ankle with their cane which was a insult. Rainy weather & slight westerly showers.

Game of Feetball, Mr. Editor, are played by 22 enormous boys which are divided equally into ½ to look even. One ½ wear stripes & other ½ wears New Jersey sweaters of entirely blue color. None of them Players is allowed to be killed before the game begins.

Delicious mud all over grounds which

Delicious mud all over grounds which good to slide on & show how grace-

by 11 blue youths. More rores. In center of Griddle Hon. Feetball (which center of Griddle Hon. Feetball (which resemble a leather melon) are placed down. Whissle from Foreman & sud-denly one blue youth rosh forwards & give them Hon. Ball one very brutal kick which send it to Heaven where it kick which send it to Heaven where it intend to go. Splandid rushing to-gether by all youths which do knock-downs with rage. Hon. Ball, when he make come-down, are lovingly embraced by a striped youth, but one blue youth see him & get jalous, so he throw by a striped youth, but one blue youth see him & get jalous, so he throw him to mud with deathly thump. Eech member of both teams are now permitted to jump on this young man when he are laying pronely. Then Hon. Foreman holler "Down!" & all are sure of it

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Next Player to arrive are Hon. Doc-tor who do a hospital corps and re-move 3 players with limps. Banzais from all. Garre then go on for all afternoon by following rotation:

¹Mr. Togo is describing Intercollegiate Football, still played by minorcolleges in California. Rugby is being played by the principal colleges there.

1—Savage ball-kick.
2—Wildy rush together.
3—Delicious throw-down.
4—Everybody jump-on.
5—All get off, if possible.
6—Doctors, collect broken boys.
7—More ball-kick, more banzai, etc., till twilight.

Pretty soonly when 1 colledge player of striped appearance make grab-up of ball, blue colledge boys forget to knock him down; so with them pigly sphere clasp dearly in arms he make hurry-steps across field; and them blue players get very angry so they chase him with fleree hair. How useless! Sconly he carry that ball behind goalsticks & Blue Colledge cry, "Shah!" "O!! that count 5 for our side," say elderly youth next by me.

"Why it count 5 when only 2 players was killed?" was question 1 ask-it; but that antique child was too busy with banzais for answer.

So I took away Miss Suki for icecream sodu ceremony, price 20c, where Pretty soonly when 1 colledge player

cream soda ceremony, price 20c, where we could be more lonesome together.

"It must require great strength to kill so many people in an afternoon," she say it with sweet sips.

"With a ax I could do much better," are reply I make.

THIS week my chumb, Sydney Katsu, Jr., who went to Harvard for study mollycuddling, come back here enjoying great damages. I could see by the expression of his legs how much they was broke; also bandaged elbows indicate smashy condition & his brain was held together with a towel. Most of his teeth he was carrying in his week.

his pocket.
"O Sydney!" I report, "who done you all them delicious injuries you got?"
"Them Mollycuddles done it, thank you!" he dib, pointing to draped eye which was minus.
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"What must a person do to become Mollycuddle?" are next review I

make.

"He must first go to Harvard & play on scrubbed Freshman team," explan Sydney. "Some mollycuddlish person will say "6—11—44" and toss him a entire feetball. Soonly all Harvard are on top of him to include the Library Building & Germanic Museum. Groans from this youth who are trying to play that game. Finally brickage are removed from him and he are permitted to be carried away. If he lives he are a Mollycuddle."

"Shall you return to study gentle ways of efeet East?" I announce.

announce. announce.
"Ah, no." corrugate Sydney.
"Wildy West are more peaceful
place to be. I shall follow advice of Hon. Roosevelt which say,
"Don't be a Mollycuddle."

So I leave Sydney resting in

Hoping you are the same, Yours truly, Hashimura Togo.



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Now Beginneth the Playful and Tragic Komance in Four Fits of the Ten Fatigued Pirates, who, seated in missionary furniture, lament the murderous monotony of their life

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T WAS in May, 1825, or there-about, and on a tropical island, conveniently out of the course of

about, and on a tropical island, conveniently out of the course of ordinary navigation, ten sleepy pirates sat in a row in front of a stout little stone fort. Each had a comfortable enough chair to sit in. The Tender Polly (owing to the mistaken enthusiasm of her lookout) had recently held up and appropriated a shipload of furniture, clothing, and other necessaries sent out by a New England missionary society to its workers in the Sandwich Islands. Each pirate had thus become possessed of a nice red rocking-chair which some of the more fastidious had improved by the addition of nice white tidies secured in the same desperate venture. They were all smoking in a desultory, half-hearted fashion, and since, for the past fortnight, there had been no wind on Nonesuch Island the smoke of their ten pipes floated motionless in the still air under the tall palms that stood near the fort like a half dozen big, tired feather dusters stuck upright in the sand till the next sweeping day.

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Having nothing particular to do, the ten pirates all wore their carpet slippers. They sat motionless, save for the monotonous movement of their ten rocking-chairs; but now and then one of them uncrossed his legs, crossed them again in the opposite direction, and yawned extensively.

sively.

Silence had settled over them for perhaps an hour and conversation was apparently exhausted. But humanity abhors silence as nature is said to abhor a vacuum, and the ten pirates were very human. Now one of them, after an uncommonly protracted yawn, stretched arms and legs simultaneously and ejaculated: "Heigho! But I wish I knew how to read." He was a burly caricature of a man with a large, round nose projecting like an island from a sea of red hair, neatly plaited into a number of spiky cues, which started high up on his cheeks and had led the more jocular among his companions to christen him Red Whisker. He had a roving black eye which matched well with a roving black disposition, both just now becalmed by an extreme mental weariness. At one side of him sat a comrade in a tattered blue shirt—sun, wind, and rain had made it a delicate baby blue—who opened small eyes like a pig's and closed them again sleepily whenever any one spoke. On the other side of him a rambling skyscraper of a fellow with long yellow mustaches, the ends of which were in curl papers, moodily tickled a mosquito bite on his ankle with the sharp point of his cutlass. Pirates, you understand, led such an active life that a bored pirate was an especially piteous object.

Presently a fourth pirate, noteworthy for a long, horse-like jaw, above which his small nondescript nose seemed hardly equal to supporting the large brass nose-ring that adorned it, relit his pipe and stared vacantly over the flat, uninteresting surface of the ocean. Silence had settled over them for perhaps an hour and

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"Funny, ain't it, but I was just a-thinkin' o' the same thing, Whisker," he remarked in a drab sort of tone. "Here be we—ten of us—all alone on this confounded uninhabited island." He used several adjectives to describe the island, but "confounded" may perhaps serve to epitomize them. "We can't always be a-drinkin' and a-gamblin' and a-carousin' same's that young jackass"—and here he indicated by a cock of his thumb the very latest recruit, a brown-visaged youth who sat miserably by himself rocking back and forth in his cane-seated rocker—"same's that mutton-headed idjit thought we was when he left his happy home and jined the company. We can't always be a-rovin' of the seas and a-burryin' of treasure; and when we goes ashore its gettin' mighty tiresome dodgin' the revenue. When I was a kid," he added, "I didn't see no sense in schoolin': no sense whatsomever! And here I be, a-sittin' in a fifteen-dollar, red paint an' varnish rockin'-chair and nothin' to do but smoke my pipe and blink my peeper at that blame old ocean." And he spat disgustedly as far as possible toward the hot, white beach.

A fifth pirate uncrossed his legs, crossed them again, and wriggled his toes until the carpet slipper of his left foot hung suspended on the larger of them, and the place where the heel of his stocking needed darning was instructively visible.

"Heigho!" he exclaimed, repeating the weary note of Red Whisker from force of example. "And to think of all them good books that we've had to heave overboard."

That set them all talking about books for a few moments; but it was in a dull way, and the conversation soon languished, as needs must when none of them had ever read one. They relapsed again into moody reverie, broken by no sound more interesting than the steady creaking of ten pairs of rockers on the hard sand. It was all very solemn and unexciting, and a pirate's life seemed to each of them the most monotonous of existences; but what could a fellow do without education?

Curiously enough, not one of these pirates had the

buried so much of their treasure, although, of course, some pirates were much better educated than those in this story.)

And they were also clever enough to have remained profitably in business some time after many older and better known pirates had retired, and the newspapers were congratulating themselves editorially on having entirely extirpated piracy.

So they rocked back and forth methodically, moving their chairs occasionally to keep in the shade of the palm trees. Red Whisker himself nodded and nodded, and finally went sound asleep. It seemed as if the last word had been spoken and nobody would ever try to hunt up another; but after a while the youngest pirate broke the silence.

"I wanted to go to school," he said, "but father

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The others opened their eyes and peered at him incredulously out of the corners; they were too bored even to take the trouble of turning their heads.

"Listen to him," grumbled Pig-Eye sarcastically. "Father wouldn't let me!' Why, in—er—why, under the sun didn't you kill father and go to school anyway?"

"I'd a—made him walk the plank—I would," growled a seventh comrade who had not yet spoken. He was a fat pirate, and protected his bald head from the sun with a pink parasol, once the property of a fine lady who had no more use for it. "Drat it! "Over you go, father,' I'd a said; and then off to the schoolhouse with my books in a little leather strap. I've seen 'em," he added bitterly, "with their little, innercent faces all slicked up, shiney-like, a-swingin' of their little books just so happy an' contented." And he, too, relapsed into moody abstraction, after first moving an extra chair where he could put his feet on it.

There was another long, silent period. A white cloud, at first hardly larger than a man's hand, appeared on the distant horizon. At length Yellow Mustaches rose languidly, twirling his curl papers; he looked at the white cloud; then he moistened his finger and held it up in the still air.

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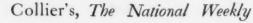
"Hang it, my merry men!" he cried, "the wind's a-rising. What's the matter of cruisin' north an' capturin' a schoolma'am? Eh? if a three-year-old kid can learn to read, what's the matter of us learnin'? We've got plenty o' time, an' all we needs is somebody what knows a bit more than we do to start us goin'."

The optimistic words struck fire. The nine other pirates leaped to their feet with alacrity. They were practical men and here was a practical suggestion; they would have cheered it to the echo only that they remembered in time that on Nonesuch Island there was no echo. They held no council, and made no definite plan—time enough for that on the broad ocean; but they kicked off their slippers, got into their boots, and sped back and forth like ants between the fort and the cove that concealed the Tender Polly, their rakish schooner. They carried provisions, arms, ammunition, liquor, and the other accessories of voyage and adventure; and as

they worked they sang a savage ditty in their rough, discordant voices:

The good old man, he walks the plank. The good old man, he walks the His step is firm but slow. Ho, boys: ho! He hits the ocean with a spank. His wife and little daughter, They march above the water, And in, kerplunk! they go. Ho, boys: ho! And in, kerplunk! they go."

The wind was rising, and half an hour later it softly rocked ten empty rocking-chairs on Nonesuch Island, while far out to sea the *Tender Polly* drove northward under every stitch and darn of canvas.



The leader of these strangers, called by his companions "The Reverend Mr. Williams," bespoke the landlord and ordered ten glasses of rum and water. He was a large man, with a round, purple nose, and wore his tall hat tilted so far forward that his red whiskers seemed to grow from under the very brim of it; in fact, he presented the curious optical illusion of being a man with his head on backward.
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"An' mostly rum! Stiffen her, you long, lank, good-fornothin' son of an easy-goin' mermaid—"

"Easy, easy there, Reverend Mr. Williams," interposed
a companion, who wore his hat very much on one side
and absently twirled the ends of a long flaxen mustache.
He turned to the indignant landlord and explained
suavely: "It's his jolly little way of speakin' to the onregenerate heathen, that is. Never you mind him, nephew,

and lost itself in sun-flecked shadow, and, as she looked forward blithely to the homeward walk, she wondered if she should again see the black schooner that had aroused her morning curiosity in a cove just beyond the "Maid and Bottle." She gave the door a final shake and turned toward her escort.

Suddenly they both stood perfectly still and gazed at each other in the surprised way of persons who have simultaneously received a nervous shock. A child's cry rang out from the woods at the left, followed by protracted weeping; a like note was repeated from the woods at the right, and then from the forest in front of them. A dozen children began crying piteously all at once in different parts of the woods, and no one person could have decided which way to run to their assistance. The sounds had something of fear in them; something of anger; and something, too, of the long-drawn I'll-tell-my-father motif of a youngster attacked by an older person. Then the cries died away in the distance and silence once more settled over the sun-flecked woodland roads. But Mehitabel instinctively squeezed the big boy's hand, and he in turn, with mingled feelings of happiness and trepidation, squeezed Mehitabel's.

At this moment four men came into the clearing, each from one of the four roads. They were dressed in black, and were, in short, no other than the Reverend Mr. Williams as he approached Mehitabel politely raised his hat.

"M'am," he said, "be you the school-teacher?"

"Be," said Mehitabel gravely, "is a lamentable failure of grammar. I am the school-teacher."

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Meantime from the four roads appeared six other men in black. Their arms were full of school-books, and they all surrounded Mehitabel, who still wriggled in a determined but now discouraged manner. The Reverend Mr. Williams, somewhat flushed from his exertions, set her again on her feet, but he hooked one large forefinger into her waistband in a manner that made escape out of the question; Mehitabel was made fast, so to speak, and she stood still with calm dignity, but without attempting to conceal her contempt for her captor. To the wretched big boy, trussed up against the side of the schoolhouse, the ten abductors seemed to be holding a serious discussion, but Mehitabel's wriggles had taken them out of earshot. Finally two of them separated from the rest, and, having broken one of the schoolhouse windows, disappeared into that little temple of learning.

They were gone only a moment, and then climbed back,

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The sun-flecked wood closed behind them. And as the big boy stood stiffly trussed up against the wall, the echo of a song came back to him, growing rapidly fainter and fainter:

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"His wife and little daughter, They march across the water, And in, kerplunk! they go. Ho, boys; ho!"

Chapter Three: Wherein is Conjugated the Verb To Love



HEY built Mehitabel a small, comfortable two-room house of her own just outside the fort. Mehitabel herself chose the site and superintended this operation, her native talent for authority soon asserting itself after she had been once satisfied that the ten pirates meditated no presseen.

asserting itself after she had been once satisfied that the ten pirates meditated no personal violence; and this assurance came easier because she was neither conceited nor romantic. Except for that one wild embrace of Red Whisker—an ebullition which, he later explained, was due rather to the abstract excitement of grasping instruction in person than to any less ennobling passion—her captors had so far treated her with respect, consideration, and even a touch of awe by no means unpleasant to a serious-minded young woman. They had been unquestionably surprised, for example, when Mehitabel expressed an objection to their habitual profanity, yet they had considerately striven to change, in her presence, a habit which they now saw was inconsistent with the calmer moods of scholarship. She had even persuaded them (although unfortunately there was no soap on the island) to wash their faces, a custom which they had come to think rather unnecessary because they often went swimming in a deep cove just north of the fort; from her own little house Mehitabel could sometimes hear them, of a hot summer afternoon, laughing and splashing each other with the cold, salt water.



Chapter Two: The Alarming Behavior of the Ten Clergymen at the "Maid and Bottle," and What Followed Thereafter



EHITABEL PERKINS taught school at the Four Corners down on the Cape. She was the only child of Josh, or Joshua S., Perkins, whose yearly income from his cranberry farm would hardly have supported them except for the help of Mehitabel's modest stipend. Secretly the old man often thought of his daughter's marriage as the Golden Road to an assistant who should help make the large but poorly managed farm more profitable. But he was a kind as well as an indecisive parent, and, as the pretty school-teacher had so far remained free and unromantically happy in her chosen duties, he made no effort to force her inclinations. Indeed, it seemed likely that he would have also to force the inclinations of the much-desired suitor, and for this task the old man lacked both courage and diplomacy.

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For Mehitabel was pretty only in the chivalrous sense that prescribes the term for all New England school-teachers. A plain, honest girl, with a rectangular figure and a talent for authority (inherited, it may be guessed, from her dead mother), she took life in a matter-of-course way and thought little of love except as a handy verb to conjugate. To be sure, she rarely lacked a big boy to carry her books for her. But this devotion regularly faded away after the big boy graduated, and left Joshua S. Perkins shaking his head in secret disappointment.

The Four Corners was a lonely but convenient place for a schoolhouse, being the central point of the large, sparsely settled district that supplied its handful of scholars. Four roads met there, and Mehitabel's way to school lay along the loneliest of them. It ran through woods, with here and there a peep of the wide ocean; or again it followed the curve of the shore through sandy, treeless spaces, turning inland at last to reach the schoolhouse. On this road stood an inn, the "Maid and Bottle," which often made a little deturt to avoid on her

treeless spaces, turning inland at last to reach the schoolhouse. On this road stood an inn, the "Maid and Bottle," which bore an unpleasant reputation, and which Mehitabel often made a little detour to avoid on her way to and from her duties. Queer characters resorted there sometimes to discuss the landlord's brown ale or stronger spirits, and these discussions often became animated to the point of physical violence. The "Maid and Bottle," in short, was a resort for the idle-minded of the whole county, and its landlord, Simon, throve cheerfully in a down-at-the-heel sort of fashion.

At about ten o'clock on this spring morning Simon was unusually busy. He had brought out all his chairs to afford comfort to a number of wayfarers, all of whom were quite new to his experience. Although they were inconspicuously clad in somber black (such raiment, in fact, as was then worn by foreign missionaries on dress occasions), and conducted themselves with an almost exaggerated degree of decorum, there was about them an inexplicable air of freedom and gallantry. The various angles at which they wore their shiny black hats hinted, for example, at unfamiliarity with the best clerical tradition. And as they had approached the inn their rolling steps and tanned faces suggested that these clerical visitors had but recently come on shore after a long voyage on deep water. Their speech, too, betrayed a noticeable indifference to the ordinary restraints of grammar, although in addressing each other they graciously used the title: "Reverend."

but pipe all hands and hurry the crockery. Preachin' is dry work," he added and spun a shining piece of money dexterously on the rough wooden table.

The landlord of the "Maid and Bottle" needed no further incentive. He "piped all hands"—a freckled boy, an old stableman, and a couple of untidy wenches from the kitchen—and together they set ten chairs in a row under the spreading chestnut tree, their peculiar guests watching these preparations with deep and undivided interest. Then they settled themselves comforably, and the Reverend Mr. Williams raised his own glass of rum and water.

"Now, boys, a song," he commanded jovially, and several of the company, after first clearing their throats by a swallow of the tempting beverage, started in merrily.

"The good old man, he walks the plank,"

they sang,

"His step is firm but slow. Ho, boys: ho! Ho, boys: ho! He hits the ocean with a—"

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The reverend gentleman with the flaxen mustaches interrupted this ditty, which seemed to annoy him.

"Stow the hymn, brethren," he cried; and with that is drove his elbow sharply into the ribs of his next neighbor—a person whose somber garb was somewhat incongruously relieved by a shining brass nose-ring. The movement passed along the line and the hymn stopped suddenly. In the foliage of the chestnut tree a robin piped cheerily and a number of swallows gurgled along the row of now solemn reverends. The man who had interrupted turned to the landlord.

"Hark ye," he said earnestly, "what's the sailin' directions to the nearest schoolhouse?"

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"Here be we," he said, making a generally inclusive gesture. "And there be you," pointing at the puzzled landlord of the "Maid and Bottle." "And what we be a-askin' of you is this: How be we to get from you to the nearest schoolhouse!"

"We loves to see the little kidlets at their books, bless 'em," explained another, taking off his hat and mopping his bald forehead with a delicate lace handkerchief about which still lingered a faint odor of violet perumery. "We love to see 'em on their way to school with their little books in an innercent leather strap, bless 'em."

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"Crazy," thought Simon to himself. "Crazy as loons
—the whole ten of 'em, but their money's as good as
another's." And with this sage conclusion, which he
naturally kept to himself, he directed the travelers to
the Four Corners.

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June, and Mehitabel Perkins, having at last finished the final example for the arithmetic class and proved conclusively that a certain James, in dividing his only apple with a certain John and Mary, was generous with an almost repulsive mathematical exactness, closed her desk while the scholars trooped out into the sunshine. Each scholar carried his or her books and slate in a neat leather strap; but the inevitable big boy lingered behind on the doorstep. There Mehitabel joined him, and stood for a moment methodically making up her mind that everything had been locked up securely. Her own road, like the others, turned immediately into deep woodland



She had been about two months domiciled on Nonesuch Island. Often, as she watched the red sun go down into the copper-tinted ocean, she thought pensively how with each day the long summer vacation on the Cape was drawing nearer its end, and wondered practically who would take her place at the Four Corners schoolhouse. Sometimes she laughed, a little cruelly perhaps, at the memory of the big boy's expression as he stood stiflly against the schoolhouse wall looking after her as she rode away into the woodland with the reverend strangers for company. Concerning her father, patiently tending his cranberry farm, she thought more poignantly. Yet after all Mehitabel was not only young but an enthusiastic school-teacher; now that she had got used to her strange pupils they greatly interested her; and she was no longer afraid of them, although her attitude toward Red Whisker remained pointed and discriminating.

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Pirates, like the rest of us, however, are only human. During the first month they had thought of little but the serious side of their studies—and the alphabet, if one takes it seriously, is an absorbing topic even to persons so highly educated as the philologists. Then, too, the ten pirates, although not of the artistic temperament or training, had undoubtedly been calmed emotionally by the same characteristics in Mehitabel that had tempered the admiration of a succession of big boys. For the purposes of unhampered devotion to study they could hardly have chosen better, although the choice, as we have seen, had been more or less accidental. But the good living of Nonesuch Island—far different from the pork and pie traditionally devoured by Joshua S. Perkins and his dutiful daughter—were combining with fresh air and unlimited sunshine to change Mehitabel. Although she took long walks over the island, the corners were beginning to disappear from her rectangular figure.

Mehitabel (to put the fact plainly before the indulgent reader) was getting fat; and this accretion, so often fatal to female beauty, was in her case distinctly becoming. What should happen if it went too far is, of course, quite another matter, but Mehitabel was a tall, large-boned young woman, and could, esthetically speaking, afford to carry more weight than most. Her cheeks, too, were turning temptingly pink under her tan. And in one of them when she smiled, as she did frequently at the mistakes of her pupils, there had lately appeared a fittle indentation which might perhaps be best described as a baby dimple.

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instinctively that if he, Pig-Eye, had that apple he would drop any number of younger brothers overboard and give the whole of it to the teacher. A similar softening influence affected all of them; it was the beginning of the tender passion, although, as such, lack of experience kept any of them from recognizing it.

But Mehitabel, comfortably secure in the belief that she was still a plain, honest-looking girl with a rectangular figure, paid no heed to these uneasy symptoms. She was pleased in a motherly sort of way to note how much more regularly the ten pirates washed their hands and faces; and it was only when she had succeeded in introducing grammar into the curriculum that the smoke showed fire beneath it. On the very day when she started her ten pupils conjugating the verb "to love" the hidden flames came near to bursting out timultuously. Two days afterward there were only nine pirates, and the tenth rocking-chair stood empty. The evening before Yellow Mustaches and Bald Head had gone walking together; Bald Head, as was reported by Yellow Mustaches, had fallen accidentally overboard; and just before the accident the two had been heard conjugating the verb in loud, angry voices. Mehitabel accepted the accident sorrowfully, for she had a kindly feeling for the vanished pirate on account of the dresses, and then innocently proceeded with the morning lessons. The nine surviving pirates now conjugated with hardly repressed passion.

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"I love, thou lovest, he (or she) loves," they shouted in their harsh, discordant voices, and each out of the corner of his eye glared suspiciously at the others. Mehitabel, realizing that something was wrong, could attribute it only to the possibility that her charges had again been drinking, a habit she had done her best to discourage by precept and admonition.

Between the nine pirates, however, there was now little hope of long delaying the real issue, yet each felt the necessity of concealment. Any way they looked at it, the affair stood one man against eight; and each in his own simple mind discussed the relations existing between Mehitabel and the others. Red Whisker, it went without saying, was the least popular with her. Nose-Ring? Had she not once expressed tender solicitude for the pain he must have suffered when that ornament was inserted? Bald Head? But he, fortunately, was well out of the matter: the shellfish had him. Jonathan, the youngest pirate? But where was Jonathan?

It is not to be supposed that the pirates reached this vital question at the same moment. They reached it

whatever about the others and much about Mehitabel. Now, as he walked beside her, he seemed self-conscious and nervous: and suddenly he turned to her desperately. "Mehitabel," he cried, "I love—" and the poor boy could get no further. He stood tongue-tied, looking down at his own feet.

"Thou lovest." prompted Mehitabel.

"He (or she) loves," continued Jonathan in blushing confusion. "We love. You love. They love."

"That's right," said Mehitabel. And then silence fell between them, broken only by the idle sound of the sea, its little waves kissing the shore of the island. Presently they found a sheltered nook where the deep water flowed in under overhanging shrubbery, and there they sat down together, the young woman on a fallen log projecting over the water, the youth leaning against a tree at a higher elevation. The water lay deep and gently agitated at their very feet, and Jonathan, in his gay pirate trappings, looked picturesque and even handsome. Mehitabel, as she looked up at him, found herself wondering if Romeo hadn't presented somewhat the same appearance; nor did it occur to her that Romeo was an Italian and probably had no freekles. Her right hand, in what was certainly a tempting and coquettish fashion, lay on the log toward Jonathan.

Jonathan saw it, and the temptation affected him. "Mehitabel," he cried again, "I have to say it, I can't help saying it. I love—you." And he reached down and grasped her hand timidly.

Mehitabel frowned.

"Thou, Jonathan," she corrected, "I love. Thou lovest. He or she—" And then she looked up to see Red Whisker peering at them through the thicket. He, on his part, was not looking at Mehitabel; he was looking at Jonathan, examining his broad back carefully, with the cold eye of a connoisseur, as if to locate a particularly vital spot; and in his hand, drawn back to strike, was his glittering cutlas. Even as she gazed the cutlas moved outward like the tongue of a serpent.



A tender episode which explains but does not justify the evil and deplorable jealousy of the eight studious pirates

answer a natural question that the feminine reader may already be asking, Mehitabel was better dressed than at any other time in her life. The bald-headed pirate had gallantly handed over to her the pink parasol, and with it a large trunk which had fallen to his share of the booty in a now forgotten episode of his professional labors. For the most part the contents of this trunk, which had belonged to a lady of evident good taste as well as considerable means, had been of slight service to him. Mehitabel, although not without shedding tears of sympathy over the pretty garments (until she suddenly realized that they might spot), had gratefully accepted them. She had, therefore, dresses for all occasions and lacked only the occasions.

But of the general effect of these changes Mehitabel knew nothing. There was only one mirror on the island, and that was a pocket one carried by the tall pirate with the long flaxen mustaches, which he now wore in curl papers only when he was asleep.

In the two months that had passed since the disappearance of Mehitabel from the Four Corners the ten pirates had progressed in their studies with surprising rapidity. They had mastered the alphabet, after considerable violent discussion of the foolishness of having each letter come in two sizes. They knew the multiplication table as far as the fives. And they were beginning to read short selections from their First Readers. Within restricted limits the educational experiment was already a success—but, alas! this very access of knowledge had a peculiar effect on their individual characters; Mehitabel seemed more human, more normal, less awe-inspiring.

Red Whisker, for example, proudly enunciating, 'T see a cat and a rat. Can the cat see the rat?' was beginning to look at his teacher with such an expression as might fairly have served to illustrate the cat's attitude of mind in this familiar conjunction. Pig-Eye, thoughtfully trying to decide what an imaginary John would do with one apple and four younger brothers, felt

separately, and as they did so each disappeared, one after another, until nobody remained in the enclosed front yard of the fort but Red Whisker, sitting sentimentally on an empty beer keg: owing to Mehitabel's successful crusade they were two empty beer kegs together. Having given himself over to sentiment, it was characteristic of Red Whisker that the pointed abhorrence of the beloved object had no part in his meditations; he thought rather of a sun-flecked wood far to the north, and laughed sarcastically as he remembered the big boy and his indignant attempt at rescue. Then he looked up, and, finding himself alone, he cursed himself for a procrastinating pirate, drew his cutlas, and disappeared after the others.

Meantime Jonathan walked with Mehitabel. They had walked often together after school hours, for in Jonathan's studious disposition, which had run fairly riot since he had actually been going to school, Mehitabel found a sincere and thoughtful pleasure. He was indeed her prize pupil, having already reached words of two syllables and secretly mastered the multiplication tables as far as the eights; he had, moreover, a knowledge of farming, such having been his previous occupation, that afforded her much interest and enjoyment, and she felt sure that some of his ideas would be valuable to her father. Insensibly, too, for they were nearly of the

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But to-day Jonathan acted queerly as they turned together into a path they had themselves discovered; a high cliff shaded it on the one side, while on the other it wandered not far from the ocean. He was the only one of the pirates, in the sudden tumult of emotion following the grammar lesson, who had thought nothing

But Mehitabel was quicker. Her hand closed over Jonathan's and she gave a quick, excited swing and pull all in one movement. She was a strong girl, the bank was steep, and Jonathan followed with his mouth still open. What he meant to say was unfinished. There was a big, rotary splash as he struck the water: and hardly had his heels vanished when Red Whisker, losing his balance with the vigor of his unresisted thrust, shot unreservedly after him. He followed so quickly that they both disappeared under the water.

Jonathan was out first. He scrambled back on the bank sturdily, visibly annoyed at having been interrupted, but seeing a head rising from the water he took in the situation and made a movement as if to drag his own cutlas from his soaking waistband. But Mehitabel stopped him.

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"Come away from that horrid man, Jonathan," she commanded; and, seizing him again by the hand, she dragged him back to the path. They had hardly reached it when another figure became visible, dashing toward them with drawn cutlas; it was still some distance away, but Mehitabel recognized Nose-Ring and could even see how he grasped that ornament in his teeth to keep it from striking him in the face as he came onward with long savage leaps.

As he leaped forward, Nose-Ring swore terribly; and an echo seemed to answer him. Mehitabel and Jonathan, looking toward the top of the cliff, saw Yellow Mustaches. He was busily dropping hand over hand from ledge to ledge, and just over the edge above him peered two other faces, distorted with anger and jealousy.

"They've been drinking again," breathed Mehitabel. "Run, Jonathan."

And still holding hands, Mehitabel and Jonathan took to their heels in good earnest; up hill they went and then down again, and ever nearer sounded the footsteps of their pursuers. uneconomically wasting breath in wicked and unprintable expressions of rage and deter-

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was behind them. Their hands clung together and their feet kept step with automatic precision (indeed, they seemed to have been made for each other) as they crossed the clearing to the open door of the fort. Then they reached it, and, pushing together, swung the heavy door to even as Yellow Mustaches drove the point of his cutlas into the stout panels. So deep he drove it in that it broke off when he tried to withdraw it, and that made him evers worse then ever.

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The humiliating in-coming of Him of the Yellow Mustaches

Chapter Four: The Most Woful, Dire, and Wholly Unanticipated the chimney had diminished to occasional puffs and spirals. An appetizing smell of roast goat and onions mingled tranquilly with the piquant odor of the blossoming hedge of thorny papalapsus. Fond as these bad men all were of onions, the memory of their lost domesticity made their eyes and mouths water simultaneously. The hot disk of the sun dropped steadily toward the horizon; the shadows of their squatting figures stretched farther and farther along the sand, almost to the edge of the forest, now all a twitter with the good-night chirpings of hundreds of little birds. A wistful melancholy stole over the eight pirates. From the ocean a light, cool breeze stirred their long hair in a vexatiously tickling fashion and chilled them with a premonition of the drop in the temperature that often follows a tropical sunset. Flesh and blood, in short, could stand it no longer. Red Whisker got up stilly, tied a dirty handkerchief to the blade of his cutlas and approached the fort. The others watched him without comment. "Mam! Teacher!" he called plaintively. "Mam Perkins!" It was the title they had instructively given Mehitabel when she first came to the island, and he repeated it pathetically several times in streession. From the edge of the forest a sleepy, imitative parrot squawked back: "Teach—er! Mam Perkins!" Presently the young woman appeared on the rampart. Her sleeves were rolled up and her hands covered with flour; she had tied a coat round her waist for an apron, and she looked prettier than ever, although the discouraged and hungry pirate had now no eye for prettiness. He raised his big fist and twittered his stubby fingers as Mehitabel had taught him was the polite way of attracting her attention. "We're awful sorry, Mam," he said humbly. "Ain't we goin't be get any dinner?" "You don't deserve any dinner," replied the young woman severely, "acting the way you have. You are a very bad lot of pirates." The childish, ungrammatical sentence touched Mehitabel. She knew that she should never again be able to Results of Immuring a Cape Cod Schoolmistress



N ANGRIER lot of pirates than now gathered at the door of the fort it would be difficult for any writer of picturesque fiction to imagine. Often had they boasted among themselves that the fort was impregnable, and now that they found themselves in the position of having to break into it there was not a pirate among them but tacitly admitted that the thing was impossible. Nor under the circumstances did it seem wise to begin kicking each other. One after another dragged pistols from belt and emptied powder and bullets into the closed and unresponsive entrance—but even this was an unwise and foolish exhibition of temper, for (as they immediately remembered) all the rest of their ammunition was inside with Jonathan.

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Somwhat calmed, however, by this otherwise silly outburst, the eight pirates withdrew to the beach where they sat down in a moody half-circle. The sand was warm under them and suited well with their own tempers, but they took no comfort in this harmonious setting. From where they sat they could see the top of their chimney just rising above the walls of the fort, and the chimney began presently to smoke violently. "They're a-makin' of a fire," growled Nose-Ring. "Wastin' good kindlin' as we've took turns a-choppin'. Who'd ever have thought as we who built that fort would ever be a-settin' here outside of it a-wonderin' howsomever we're to get in."

"The next time I builds a fort," remarked Red Whisker bitterly, "there'll be some place in it as nobody but me knows about—"

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"Listen at him," exclaimed Pig-Eye contemptuously.
"Him build a fort!"

Red Whisker started and laid hand on cutlas. He turned a sparkling eye upon his fellow freebooter.
"Mebbe you built that fort," he insinuated politely.
"Mebbe you did, Piggy—but if you had, I guess we wouldn't have any trouble to speak of gettin into it. Who thought of plantin' the thorny papalapsus all round the wall to keep anybody from gettin' nigh with a ladder. That's the conundrum I'm askin'?"

"I thought I did," mildly hazarded another pirate. "But I guess I didn't," he added quickly as Red Whisker turned his eye fiercely toward the interruption. "Come to think of it, Whisker, I remember as how you put it into my head first off. I couldn't have thought of it."

"And it's lucky you couldn't," answered Red Whisker."

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"And it's lucky you couldn't," answered Red Whisker hotly. "As I was sayin', the next time I builds a fort—"

There was a row in the atmosphere, and the other pirates sat up and began to take notice. It made them feel more natural, more like themselves, but Yellow Mustaches brought them back suddenly to a realization of actual conditions.

"An' the fishin' tackle."

"An' the First Readers an' Grammars."

"An'—an' the girl, too."

As the last pirate added this item to the inventory there followed a thin grinding noise running from one pirate to another. The eight ground their teeth in unison. It was a habit, when exasperated, that had given them exceptionally sharp teeth, but at this moment it only emphasized the need of something more nourishing than anger on which to grind them.

Meantime night was approaching. The smoke from

M'am," said the pirate mournfully. "And ours is pious empty."

The childish, ungrammatical sentence touched Mehitabel. She knew that she should never again be able to trust these pirates, but her New England conscience rebelled at the thought of allowing them to go hungry when there was food on her own table.

"Come to the front door one at a time," she said after thinking a moment. "And we'll see what we can do for you," and she disappeared into the fort to consult with Jonathan.

At this welcome assurance Red Whisker could hardly repress a chuckle; hardly restrain the impulse to jump up and crack his heels together for pure satisfaction. Once inside the fort, he told himself, and the situation would take on a very different aspect. He called to the others. As they crowded expectantly round the entrance he softly communicated this hopeful thought to them, and their spirits rose in proportion to their previous depression. Each tickled his neighbor in the ribs, and a mere list of the things they delightedly promised to help each other do to Jonathan could only be printed in the Hades "Daily Recorder"; in the whole wretched company there wasn't an ounce of gratitude. In this happy frame of mind they were preparing to rush the door when Mehitabel again looked down from the rampart.

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The eight pirates did their best to seem pleasant and harmless. Each in his own way tried to explain that he was really too hungry to wait—to say nothing of not wishing to keep Mehitabel and Jonathan waiting. But to these polite efforts Mehitabel paid no attention.

"Wretched and ungrateful men," she continued severely, "if you wish any supper at all you will do exactly as I tell you. William"—and here she indicated Red Whisker with a matter-of-fact gesture—"may stay where he is; but the rest of you will get down the beach as fast as your legs will carry you."

The pirates saw that they must make the best of it. They went down the beach obediently as fast as their legs could earry them and left Red Whisker standing alone outside the portal.

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"Far enough!" cried Mehitabel sharply, and the seven stopped at a considerable distance. "As for you, William," she continued, "you get right down flat on your stomach and wriggle in when the door opens. Keep your hands at your sides, right down straight, little fingers at the seams of your pantaloons. You will thus be able to propel yourself by digging your toes into the sand, and don't you dare look up till Jonathan tells you."

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Wriggle, indeed! Nothing but the most pressing need of getting into the fort could have made so bold a pirate accept so undignified a mode of entrance. But Red Whisker had no choice. His seven companions, too far away to hear these directions, stared with surprise at the peculiar spectacle. The door opened slightly and the ferocious freebooter wriggled indignantly through the narrow opening. Then the door closed behind him and there were several minutes of anxious silence.

"Alonzo J. Murphy!" called Mehitabel, for in calling the roll she had always insisted on giving her pupils the names by which they would have been known had they remained in civilization. Nose-Ring ran forward; like Red Whisker, his companions saw him hesitate, expostulate, and then grovel his way into the fort. One after another, as Mehitabel called the roll, the remaining pirates disappeared into the fort until Yellow Mustaches stood alone on the beach.

"John Smith!" called Mehitabel.

Yellow Mustaches, always dignified, responded with an affectation of leisure. He stood in front of the fort, curled his mustaches and smiled at Mehitabel; but the smile was wasted.

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"Now, John," said Mehitabel cheerfully, "you've seen how the others went in. Lie down flat on your face and wriggle. And do hurry, please, for we're all

hungry."
Yellow Mustaches's smile faded. He restrained with difficulty a highly picturesque burst of indignation and confined himself to a single sullen monosyllable.
"Shan't," he said sulkily.
"Very well," returned Mehitabel, "if you prefer solitude and personal dignity to companionship and onion soun—"

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Mehitabel leaned over the rampart and looked straight at the sulky pirate. She threw years of professional experience into a single sentence.

"You are going to," she said calmly, "so let's not have any nonsense,"

And the reluctant pirate, overpowered but unwilling, threw himself on his stomach and began an uneven approach to the door of the fort. Before his very nose the door opened slowly just wide enough to admit him, and he noticed a thin strand of rope stretched across the aperture. Beyond the rope, as he wriggled across it, he saw and recognized Jonathan's boots; then the rope stiddenly tightened about him, binding his elbows firmly

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When the meal was over they dragged their guests one by one to the front door of the fort and dismissed them for the night. Then they sat a while by the fire talking of their own future, and Mehitabel, after a friendly good night, locked herself in the attic, while Jonathan retired to the parlor sofa, drawn just inside the door o



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restless fashion. Morning found them stiff in the joints and weakened in spirit, but they looked grimly determined as they were marched in to breakfast.

"Now, boys," said Mehitabel when the breakfast was over, "I want to ask you just one question, and you may just as well answer me politely. You know that I don't approve of profanity. How do you like being tied up?"

The pirates exchanged glances.

"We don't like it, M'am," they growled in unison.

"Jonathan and I have been talking it over," continued Mehitabel, "and we thought you didn't. Of course, it doesn't make very much difference to us, except for the responsibility of seeing that you don't come undone. We have enough provisions for two years and a half, and Jonathan has only just begun his education, so we really have plenty to occupy ourselves. At the same time it has occurred to us that perhaps you would be willing to sail us back to the Cape—"

The eight again exchanged glances and grinned broadly.

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The eight again exchanges broadly. "Easy done," cried Red Whisker. "Just you untie these 'ere painters an' we'll sail you back to the Cape immejit." He winked at the others, and the seven drew deep breaths of expectation. Flushes of anticipation spread

jit." He winked at the others, and the seven drew deep breaths of expectation. Flushes of anticipation spread over their faces and their fingers twitched nervously. "—without being untied," finished Mehitabel. The faces of the eight pirates turned bitter and solemn. They shook their heads. "It can't be did," they exclaimed together. "You don't trust us, M'am," added Red Whisker—and he did his best to say it

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"You can sail the Tender Polly without being untied just as easily as you can eat your dinner." And Mehitabel rose from the table and folded her napkin. "Jonathan and I do not propose to force you in the matter, but it will do no harm for you to think it over. William, will you kindly get up and lead the procession from the fort?"

But Red Whisker settled back in his chair as if determined to become a part of it, and the other pirates followed his example.

"Shan't go," he remarked doggedly. "Ain't any of us goin'. We've swore it."

"Here we be, an' here we stay," added Nose-Ring solemnly. "If you an' your Jonathan are goin' to move us, you'll have to haul an' carry every time. An' as time goes on," he added triumphantly, "we'll be a-gettin' fatter an' fatter."

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"Very well," said Mehitabel. She nodded brightly at Jonathan and went into the next room, whence she reappeared presently carrying her hat as if she had decided to go out for a visit. The pirates watched her with stolid triumph, which turned slowly to apprehension as she removed a hatpin and calmly walked round the table behind Red Whisker. The pirate looked at her over his shoulder, stirring uneasily. Then he stirred more uneasily, and a look of pain passed over his features; he tried to get up, but his bonds held him to the chair; although he had so recently expressed a determination to remain seated indefinitely, its cane-seated bottom seemed to have become unpopular with him.

"I thought you might change your mind, William," said Mehitabel cheerily. "Lead William out, Jonathan, and if he doesn't go comfortably, here is another hatpin. Only don't lose it," she added, "because I have only the two of them."

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That night Red Whisker was caught trying to get into the fort with loosened bonds, and Mehitabel and Jonathan sent him to bed supperless. This unexpected severity completely cowed his companions, and the next morning found them ready to accept any conditions. That same afternoon the Tender Polly set sail for the Cape; and, more than that, she drove northward with explicit and conscientious directness. The spunk was entirely out of the eight pirates; far from any longer thinking sentimentally of Mehitabel, they were only anxious to reach the end of their enforced voyage and see the last of her. What was really going to happen to Jonathan, they told each other in bitter, exultant

whispers, was far worse and more lingering than anything they could posibly do to him; and they hobbled about their tasks with almost cheerful alacrity at the thought of bringing him nearer it.

It was late twilight less than a month afterward when they at last sighted the lights of the Cape, and ten in the evening when Jonathan and Mehitabel floated away from the Tender Polly, their last act aboard being to announce to the pirates, whom they had assembled on the quarter-deck for that purpose, that they had hidden a sharp knife somewhere in the cabin. They knew themselves safe from pursuit, even were the knife discovered sooner than they expected, for they had taken the captain's gig and carefully thrown overboard the oars of all the other small boats. The full moon touched the water with spots of silver and the surf against the distant shore made a shining curve, behind which, as Mehitabel knew with a filling heart, lay her road home from the schoolhouse. As the last wave lifted them high on the pebbly beach they both looked back by the same impulse. Lights now moved rapidly on the Tender Polly, and they heard the rattling of sails as she came about, faintly mingled with the notes of a rough chorus.

Mehitabel echoed it whimsically:

"His wife and little daughter,"

"His wife and little daughter, They march above the water;
And in, kerplunk! they go.
Ho! boys: ho!
And in, kerplunk! they go."

And in, kerplunk! they go."

Then they pulled the gig carefully and economically above high-water mark and hand in hand disappeared in the direction of the Perkins farm.

Little more remains to be told. Joshua S. Perkins, aided by his new son-in-law, did so well with his cranberries that Mehitabel had no further need to apply for her old place at the Four Corners. Jonathan, soon happily married to Mehitabel, became in a short time the most learned and tiresome farmer in the whole neighborhood. As for the pirates, they were never again heard of except as Simon would recount their visit and Mehitabel's subsequent adventure to infrequent strangers at the "Maid and Bottle." Mehitabel was always inclined to hope that they continued their studies, but Jonathan doubted it; at any rate, they were able to read their First Readers after a fashion and that was certainly better than nothing.



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The Vivid Impressions of an Old Football Player at Princeton in the Long Days Between the Opening of College and the Yale Game



HEN I landed at Princeton, it was evening, the evening of the "mass-meeting" which formally starts the football season. Groups starts the football season. Groups of fresh-faced, becapped young fellows (it was a bit of a shock in fact to notice how young they were) were drifting across the campus toward the hall in which

were) were drifting across the campus toward the hall in which this meeting was to be held. I followed, beneath trees that rustled softly, past great castellated buildings, out of the flaming windows of which one's ear, somehow, expected medieval sounds—clashings of greaves and pikes, raucous songs, the champ of horses. My eyes were glued stubbornly to the big vague loom of my guide, a gridiron hero of bygone days. At intervals there came from him a low, though sonorous, and joyous exclamation; his broad shoulders parted the throng, advancing toward two other broad and throng-parting shoulders, and he was nose to nose with another giant of pigskin legend. Their greetings were affectionate but ceremonious; their words were almost whispers; their handshake was fervid and intimate—the sort of handshake which you give, you know, at a funeral, in the front parlor, about the casket, to the husband of your wife's sister. A gravity was in the air. The young becapped undergraduates felt it. Their voices were subdued; murmurs, whisperings, the slight hiss of feet upon the pavement, the rustle of the trees overhead, united in giving to the night a solemnity.

The hall, which inside is like a chapel, was packed with some fifteen hundred young fellows, sitting erect, their eyes alert upon the platform. Clear-skinned, clean young fellows; clean with a cleanliness that stopped not at the skin, but went to the bone, you felt . . . a cleanliness coming not only of the bath, but of exercise, of the good athletic exercise which fills the lungs deep with the azure of the air, the blood with ozone. A yell came from them as I entered, for just at that time the speakers were filing upon the platform. It was a startling, almost formidable, thing; it came with such force, with such unison, with such precision. You could feel within it enthusiasm welded hot as in a crucible. Sharp, incisive, precipitated, and thunderous, it rattled out like a volley of musketry out of a trench. A silence followed it, a silence which had within it a vibration, and then the speeches began.

First there were two professors. One talked football in terms of mathematics, the second in terms of psychology. One was the sort who, through an incorrigible youthfulness of heart, preserves always an interest in the deeds and hopes of the students; the other was the sort who thinks he has to, but really doesn't. It was the second who, of course, spoke the longer, and I confess that he irritated me not a little with his frigid and calculating zeal. But not so the students—bless their thumping, generous hearts! They were there to thrill, not to criticize.

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Then came the ex-football hero, my mentor that night and my guide. No question about his sincerity; he just told a story, a simple little story.

It was about a boy who had come to Princeton from a farm. He was poor and he had to work his way through. But besides working his way through college, he wanted to work for that college. He joined the footsquad.

Carrying the double load of his studies and of mak-

Carrying the double load of his studies and of making his living, he worked on the gridiron the whole season, hard. He was strong, earnest, and courageous, but he was slow on his feet. He did not make the team. He went out upon the field again the next year. For two months he toiled, sweated, bled, was pounded on the "Scrub." But he was still slow on his feet and did not make the team.

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He went out again in his third year. The first part of the season was a repetition of the first two. He worked on the "Scrub"; daily he faced men superior to him, daily he was pounded by a machine superior to that of which he was a part. He had gained in knowledge, in coolness, but was still slow on his feet. But this time, two weeks before the big final game, the successive injuring of two men ahead of him put him on the team.

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He played on the team in the big final game, and the team was beaten. It was beaten because, after persistently pounding him, the other team sent by him a trick play which he was not quick enough to solve.

He wept a few big honest tears after that game, and then he swore that the next time he would not be found wanting. Right there and then, in the middle of winter, he started to train himself to be quicker on his feet. He continued during the spring term. Every day he



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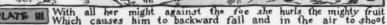








PLATE V Priscilla grabs the frightened fish. Its struggles soon are o'er PLATE VI Priscilla sees him try to rise, and seizes bow and shaft. The red man grabs the pumpkin and struggles toward the shore PLATE VI But when she saw what he had caught, she did not shot-she laughed





PLATE VIII The reason's clear when out he's pulled-the one who tumbled in Fast to his toe with vicious grip there clines a terrapin! PLATE VIII Their weapons seized, she loads them down in sooth a sorry pair.

And drives them home the while she chants this toothsome bill of fare

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was out upon the track with the sprinters, practising starting from a mark at a signal. He improved. That quality which Nature had denied him he was wrenching from her by persistent indomitable effort. Daily he was becoming more worthy of service.

Summer came, and, as he did every summer, he took a humble position in a big hotel by the sea. And one afternoon, while trying to rescue a poor little servant girl who had been caught by the surf, he died.

So that he wasn't on the team that year (it won). He never did have the joy of hammering his college to a day of glory. "But," ended my big fat friend, the exfootball hero—"but, boys, fellows, don't you think that he did do something for old Princeton?"

Fifteen Hundred Devotees



AYBE the answer to that question wasn't a convincing one! The roof, at least, thought it was. It came near floating off like a balloon toward the moon. Again came the yell, with an affectionate drawl to it this time, and my ex-hero sat down very limply upon his bench, and his right hand rose in the shape of a lamp-shade to his eyes (he had known the boy whose story he had told). And then there lit upon the edge of the platform, on his toes, with feet far apart, an exhortation already in his throat, a lithe, vibrant young man—the quarter-back and captain of the team. The head coach followed, a strong-faced man, possessed of a tense earnestness tempered by a smile. He re-

of a tense earnestness tempered by a smile. He re-peated the call—for men, for work, for devotion, and for sacrifice.

Again from the fifteen hundred listeners came the



The equivalent of falling on the ball

yell, like musketry spilling out of a trench. And then all those men rose and sang with bared heads. Within that vaulted hall, which was like a chapel, standing and with bared heads, they welded their voices and their faiths into an anthem which was like a religion. The song rose, grave and vibrant, crashed up against the vault, rebounded, rose again to new powerful, ascending waves. I thrilled.

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They poured out of the hall singing, upon the campus, where the rites continued. On the old cannon, half-buried, muzzle down, in the center of the square made by the older buildings, a great fire had been built. They marched around it in a growing delirium, hurling forth their crackling yells, singing songs that were as battle marches and songs that were like hymns. The fire roared; it rose impulsively toward the sky in one flame; it lit up the trees, whose leaves shrunk sensitively; it made alive the façades of the old meerschaumhued buildings; they glowed with a rosy exaltation.

In the shadows behind the old football men smoked their pipes and talked of bygone days.

They laughed sometimes and they

their pipes and talked of bygone days. They laughed sometimes and they sighed sometimes. Once in a while they called to them out of the throng a boy who was on the team or trying for the team; they spoke to him, quietly and gravely, of his duty toward his college, of the traditions in his keeping; he listened reverently. Vague visions of past legendary glories came to me—of the battlefires of Austerlitz, of Cromwell's men, singing erect upon their iron horses

fires of Austerlitz, of Cromwell's men, singing erect upon their iron horses in the middle of a plain.

Thus at an American college, in the year nineteen hundred and eight, is a football season begun. No, really, if I were an Educator, an educator with a big E, I wouldn't want to abolish that sort of thing. Not much!

Carried to the doctor

Not much!

The next day I went out upon the field to watch the men at work. They had been at it only a few days and were still at the fundamentals. They were falling on the ball.

Now, to give any one, merely with words, an idea of this pleasant little exercise is quite impossible. This can be gained only through experience. To him who really wants to know (and to feel) I suggest the following:

On some warm, quiet Sunday morning take the ferry to the Jersey side: get on a train; step off at some nice lonely station, walk along the road till you spot a farmhouse that pleases you, and ask the farmer for the freedom of his chicken-yard.

Take a young and temperamental hen; set her loose

Take a young and temperamental hen; set her Ioose in the yard, and try to catch her.

With bare hands, I mean. And without driving her into a corner. That isn't fair. Just get her going at full speed, and get a running at full speed yourself. And

when you are just about eighteen feet from her, spring. Spring with both feet. Leave the ground entirely. Shoot your entire body through the air as though it didn't belong to you, as though it were somebody else's body. Shoot it through the air head first, with feet behind, parallel to the ground and about a yard above it. Shoot it through with zeal, with love, with enthusiasm; let it whir through the atmosphere like a skyrocket.

And light delicately upon that hen, and draw her firmly to your palpitating bosom. You have done the equivalent of falling on the ball.

Especially if you have wined.

Especially if you have missed that hen and you hear behind you the snigger of the farmer and the farmer's wife and the farmer's twelve children.

farmer's twelve children.

As a matter of fact, though, the bleachers do not snigger at Princeton. Two freshmen did that day. Coach Roper spotted them and walked quietly toward them. "If you fellows think," he said sententiously, "that falling on the ball is funny, you had better leave Princeton."

That's what I say. Leave

had better leave Princeton."

That's what I say. Leave Princeton. Leave the earth. But you know now, between us, this falling on the ball is a bit funny, looking at it one way. Looking at it from the standpoint of a materialist, for instance. Football men are idealists.

A lithe, vibrant young man-the quarter-back

standpoint of a materialist, for instance. Football men are idealists.

Tackling is funny, too, from A lithe, vibrant young that point of view. Tackling consists in seizing a man by the legs and slinging him to the ground. The men were also practising tackling.

Ten years ago, when the world was still young and ingenuous and attacked problems with a certain fresh directness, we used to practise tackling on each other. The tacklers would line up across the field, and then some azure-eyed enthusiast who was trying for half-back, tucking a ball under his arm, would run along that line, each of us taking a shot at him. This method, I believe, has since been found one rather expensive of what coaches call "material." The men now learn to tackle first on a dummy.

It hung there, like a great limp, stupid giant, from a cross-beam set upon two uprights. Before it, set like sprinters on the mark, was a line of men. At regular intervals the coach called out a name. A man sprang from his mark; drum-drum-drum went his feet, pounding the ground as he gathered speed. Suddenly they left the ground; he left the ground. Like a flying catapult, head first, feet behind, he whizzed through the air. Plump! Down went the dummy, with his stupid, astounded expression, a catamount clawing at his knees. "All right," says the coach, and the dummy rises up slowly, like a dead body coming up from the depths of the sea, and the tackler springs like a cat, his hair full of the straw which is thoughtfully scattered upon the ground (degenerate days, these!), and then drum-drum-drum-drum-drum, bang! Down goes Mr. Dummy again. Singular it is how ferociously those boys attack this man of straw. Almost as though he were a real man. It takes a certain amount of imagination to be able to do this. I wonder if the illusion is helped by clothing the dummy the way he is. With a blue sweater upon the chest of which spreads bulgingly a big white Y.

A week later, in fact, they were working about four times as hard.

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Already the assistant coaches were flocking to the rescue, rallying around the young team and handing to it their traditions of knowledge and effort and devotion. With their aid and that afforded by the careful statistics of the team trainer and the team physician, the head coach had begun to classify his "material." Already a first "cut" had been made; some fifty candidates of ardent souls but insufficient bodies had been asked "to hand in their suits"—a small tragedy that. A varsity squad had been formed of the most promising men, and out of them a tentative squad had been formed of the most promising men, and out of them a tentative first eleven, made up of the men who had been on the team the year before or had performed brilliantly as substitutes. This squad was being drilled into

tutes. This squad was being drilled into plays.

Now the game of football, broadly speaking, consists of a series of rushes made by a team of eleven men against another team of eleven men—a series of concerted attacks. The problem in each attack is to send as many men as possible as suddenly as possible with as much momentum as possible upon a point in the other line as weak, or as unprepared, or as surprised as possible. A trained team has a full repertory of such attacks (called "plays," a trivial name for a formidable thing, just as football, which is a battle, is called a "game"), each known by a secret signal. The men were being taught some of the fundamental plays.

plays.

Each of the plays had been carefully planned upon paper by the coaches in conference, with the same care and precision as a chess-player would plan a new opening, a mathematician work out a new formula, or a general a strategic move. Now the tentative team was lined up and the play explained, at first orally. Each man was shown his exact position, his exact task in it. Then the team as a whole performed it slowly and piecemeal. Then, as a whole, on the walk. Then on the trot. Then at full speed. When thus they had learned

three or four, they were sent up and down the field in furious charges of the atmosphere.

It was a hot, russet, autumnal day. They passed to and fro like a band of wild horses. They sweated and panted and sobbed. At intervals the coach called out a name, and from the substitutes following behind a man sprang, crouching in the line, or behind it, while the spent man whose place he had taken stood sagging beneath the trainer's showering sponge.

Meanwhile, on the back field behind the stands, unwitnessed and in silence, the "Scrubs" had been pounding each other. A team of them now was brought upon the main field and lined up against the Varsity. Crash, crash, crash, went the Varsity, trying out what they had learned against real resistance now. The "Scrub" crouched low from end to end, for all the world like some inchoate and fabulous beast; into its folds the Varsity crashed like a catapult thrust with rapier-like precision by some invisible, monstrous, and unerring hand. It was interesting to see the Varsity fuse in the heat of the common task. Vaguely already you could see the beginnings of an intelligence apart from the eleven intelligence within it. Vaguely you could feel the rudimentary movements of its germinating soul.

I don't know if I can give you an adequate idea of the amount of the toil that day. I should suggest that you go back to your hen, and to your sack of bran, and to your sprinting, just as the other day. Then go to some menagerie and spend some ten minutes in a friendly barehanded set-to with a hungry catamount. And finish up by standing in the middle of the road till you see coming an automobile with an Italian chauffeur. Meet it head-on.

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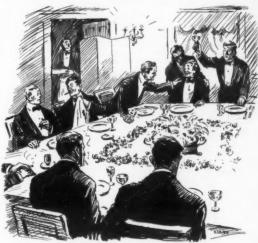
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HE season began to warm up. Each day
the line-up was a little longer, a little
fiercer. Another cut had been made in
the squad. The nucleus of the Varsity
was practically settled and you could
see that part of it gain in cohesion
every day. At the unsettled positions
new men were being tried in quick suclated summer was lingering heavily upon the land; the
work had become a steady fearsome grind which took
each day all the determination of each; men began to
get hurt.

Every day almost, at some moment in the line-up,



Then afterward is a dinner

after a charge and a pile-up, twenty-one men would rise to their feet and One would not.

He would, seemingly, be given little consideration. The coach would call a substitute from the side-line, the teams would move sidewise out of the way, the crackling signal-call of the quarter rang out, and, crashthey were all at it again immediately, while supported by the arms of trainers and substitutes, the One limped or was carried to the doctor in the field-house.

Don't mistake this seeming indifference for harshness. The coach, you can bet, even while impassively he is calling another man in, is feeling his heart down somewhere in his shoes. But the good football coach is a psychologist. He knows that in football as in life it does no good to brood over the irretrievable. The work is there, ahead, pressing. Work, then!

And yet the case of the One is almost drama.

Imagine yourself in his place. You have been out for the team three years; for three years, season after season, you have toiled and sweated and panted and have been pounded unavailingly. You go out for your last year—and suddenly you find that, as if by magic, you have become efficient. You are fast, you are strong, your reflexes are true. You are foot and masterful, you know all the tricks of the game from A to Z. You tackle hard, you can leave your feet and shoot twenty feet through the air; unerringly, without thinking, you

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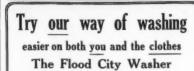
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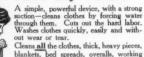


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Then, one afternoon, during a scrimmage, you feel something give way, something crack; a cold bubble runs up your spine; you nearly faint.

I've seen more than one man go that route at Princeton this season. It may not be very good for the body, but it isn't badfind yourself doing always the right very good for the body, but it isn't bad the soul. for the soul.

Meanwhile, twice a week, the "preliminary games" were going on.
You understand, doubtless, that each of You understand, doubtless, that each of the big colleges has at least one big rival, and that it is in preparation for the game (the "big" game, the "final" game, it is called) with this rival that all this two months' work is done. To Harvard, for instance, it is the Yale game which is all-important; to West Point, the Navy game; to Princeton, the game with Yale. The preliminary games are a part of the preparation. They are supposed to be against weaker teams, teams against which experiments in formations and men can be tried, which can be successfully met during the ments in formations and men can be tried, which can be successfully met during the formative period, and against which the tremendous nervous exaltation of the final game will not be necessary.

The first few preliminary games are rather pleasant functions. To the men they are a welcome change from the grind of the daily practise; and they afford chances to the unknown or "coming" player—especially to him of inferior body but superior nervous force, who performs always better in a contest than in the monotonous daily toil. But it is especially to the ex-heroes that these games are a pleasure. "AFTER a fashion"— that's how some suits are made—and they look it. But not

pleasure.

They come from anywhere within a radius of a hundred miles, from small towns where they're big or big cities where they toil obscurely. They come, fat and bald, or thin and gray, to look over the youngsters with paternal good-will. It's rather a shock to meet them—a most tremendous lesson on the shortness of this life. They come to you put of the young. pleasure. life. They come to you out of the vague loom of legend, and shake you by the hand—and they are human, and fat, or gray.

Ex-Heroes

Ex-Heroes

They come early to the game and wander to the training-house to have a chat with the coaches. Then, together with the coaches, they saunter to the field and station themselves in front of the field-house where the men dress. They walk to and fro, smoking, chatting; they strike resounding blows upon each other's paunches; they speak of old times; they count their children; they relate with a sort of dazed astonishment past heroic deeds; they calculate the "chances."

They are still there as the squad, now padded and helmeted, thunders down the steps on its way to the gridiron. They watch it closely as it passes, with hope, with a prayer, with tenderness; and then, when the striped whirl is gone, they look at each other in a question immediately answered, answered with a smile, a smile of pride and of faith. A few remarks break the silence: "A good lot." "They'll do." And "Remember?" (with a poke of the elbow).

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Then they squat upon the side-lines while the team prances through its inferior opponents, and observe it carefully. Those of them who are fat are apt to be indulgent, those that are thin more critical.

As time goes on, these preliminary games become harder and harder. Stronger colleges are met—and the weakest of colleges is apt to turn out a surprising team once in seven or eight years. Teams come up that are a bunch of wildcats, specially taught, specially fed, specially trained for just that contest; they meet a Princeton team which, developed as it is with an eye to the big game at the end of the season, is but rudimentary in its formations, which, again with an eye to the big final which, again with an eye to the big final contest, must hide its best resources. And

which is weary.

Weary almost to sickness. For training for the Yale game in part means this: it means that the body must be prepared to bear seventy minutes of the hardest toil bear seventy minutes of the hardest toil known; seventy minutes of a struggle in which the soul, exalted to the point almost of madness, makes incredible demands upon the matter, in which it calls upon the body, time after time and inexorably, for prodigies of strength and speed and skill and vigilance and heroism. Now there is only one way by which you can train a body for such a task; it is to teach it to expect it. And you teach it to expect it by giving it a measure of it But before it thus catches the hint, before it learns what is expected of it and answers, the body goes through a period of invincible weariness, of discouragement. The body despairs, you might say. It cries: "I can't do it." When the eleven bodies of a team are at that stage, the team is said to be "in a slump."

I saw the Princeton team in a slump. It was in the Syracuse game. The Syracuse team came up with full intentions to take a scalp—a team of giants, heavy, well-drilled and especially prepared for this particular game. You could see that they had been fed up for it, that they well-drilled and especially prepared for this particular game. You could see that they had been fed up for it, that they had rested up for it; they were bounding with health and vigor. They struck a team that was tired and sick. Fighting for a Tie I CAN still see our men. From the first there was no hope to score, and the contest resolved itself into a blind, desper-

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contest resolved itself into a blind, desperate struggle to keep those Syracuse ogres from crossing the line. I can still see the Princeton men. I can see their wan, anxious faces, their sagging bodies, their caved-in eyes, set in a sort of weary but unremitting vigilance. They stuck it out, the whole of the long, bitter sixty minutes, and the game ended in a tie. A tie from such a college is at Princeton considered a defeat; I've never seen a victory I liked more than that defeat.

This sort of thing may not be good for

more than that defeat.

This sort of thing may not be good for the body; it's darned good for the soul.

As I am writing this, we are nearing the end; it is the last lap of the race. The entire college is in that state of suppressed vibration which precedes the boiling-over. Bodies of rooters are practising their rattling yells, their sweeping songs. Impromptu parades start up suddenly; you can hear them at night, marching behind a drum, cheering and singing. The college is like an olden town in state of siege.

And every day (twice a day sometimes) the boys are working. I started, at the beginning of this article, to give you an idea of the amount of work they do. I give it up at this stage. I can't find illustration.

There are a lot of pretty sick hearts every day upon that field now. At the beginning of the practise the coach stands in the center of the field and calls out, one beginning of the practise the coach stands in the center of the field and calls out, one by one, eleven names—first a center, then two guards, then two tackles, then two ends, then a quarter, two halves, and a full-back. This is the Varsity eleven. Earlier in the season these eleven names were apt to be different every day, and you were apt to get a chance. But now they are pretty nearly the same all the time. Day after day you hear them called out—the same names, in the same order, and yours is left out. And you sit there upon the bench, beneath the pour of the rain or in the cold breath of the wind, your blanket about you, stoic as an Indian; to your right and to your left there stretches a line of others, also wrapped in blankets, taciturn and stoic—and with a feeling inside of them very much like yours. And you watch the Varsity surging through the "Scrubs," the Varsity in which, indissolubly bound, is much of your strength and your toil and your devotion—and in whose final glory you will not parfake. and in whose final glory you will not

partake. Much of the practise is secret, behind closed gates. The loyal rooters stand out in the street, a fence before their noses. To their ears come the sharp signal-call of the quarter-back, the shouts of the coaches, a drumming of feet, the crash of bodies against bodies. Once in a while there is a dull thump, and the ball rises up above the bleachers, soars for a mothere is a dull thump, and the ball rises there is a dull thump, and the ball rises up above the bleachers, soars for a mo-ment, and then swiftly descends out of When at last the gates are ment, and then swiftly descends out of sight again. When at last the gates are opened and they march in a body to the stands, the teams are hammering each other again just as though they had been doing nothing before. The coaches these days seem to speak in whispers always; most of the time a medium-sized hoop could be thrown around their collected dozen heads.

The Big Game

I N a few days now will come the "big" game, the final, tremendous seventy minutes. And there will be victory or

defeat.

If defeat—well, then, you'll shed a few manly tears, and then, elenching your fist, you'll swear that next year—

Unless you're a senior, and for you there isn't any next year. In which case you go out for your fight into the world with a little wound somewhere inside of

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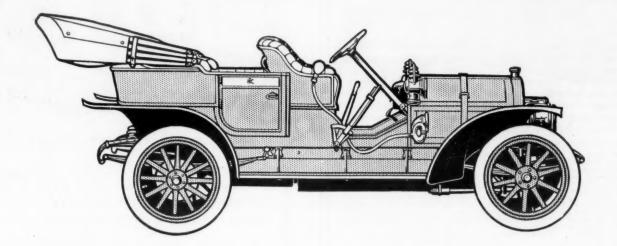
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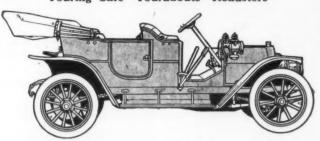
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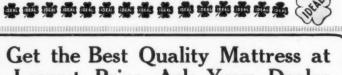
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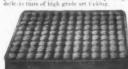
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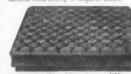
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And then afterward there is a dinner. You sit at a table that is shimmering white, which glistens with crystal and silver, and which is laden with all the things of which these many weeks you have been denied; to your right and to your left, shoulder to shoulder as they were with you during the long fight, sit your comrades. Some have blackened eyes, some have skinned noses, some have to eat with one hand—but the faces of all are aglow. In your glass is a yellow wine which continuously sends up little golden bubbles.

The Idealism of Football

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You eat and you drink, and you talk, and you laugh. And after a while everything seems to get a little far off: everything is very beautiful and aureoled with a slight azure haze. Your knife or your fork, every once in a while, drops out of your hand, and you don't know why. Then you become aware of a singing. They are singing. You are singing.

They are singing a gentle, rollicking little song, with a note of tenderness in it. "Oh, here's to so-and-so, so-and-so, so-and so; oh, here's to so-and-so, God bless him, heigh-ho!"

First they take up the name of the coach, then of the captain, then of man after man of the team. And, finally, they are singing your name. There they are all standing, glass in hand, singing your name. "Oh, here's to Johnny Hudson, Johnny Hudson, soh, here's to Johnny Hudson, God bless him, heigh-ho!"

You sit there, crushed, simply crushed, with happiness and drop a discreet tear into your glass—your glass which still is sending forth little golden bubbles.

And there it is—football! Of course, I know that there are men (college presidents, professors, educators) who see in it nothing but skinned noses, and black eyes, and broken bones. They lack vision, that's

dents, professors, educators) who see in it nothing but skinned noses, and black eyes, and broken bones. They lack vision, that's all; they do not see beneath surfaces. And they have things upside down. It is they who are the purblind materialists, while it is the others, the boys who toil and suffer for a vibrant, intangible thing, which is a cause, which they call their college—it is they, the football boys, who are the azure-eyed idealists.

President Eliot

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must hold both capital and labor accountmust hold both capital and labor accountable to the public; second, that the great evil of the contest is not in this or that mooted problem of detail, but in the contest itself. Labor and capital may not only injure each other, they may bring an unthinkable hardship to the whole commonwealth. Labor and capital do not injure each other so much by the fact that they are in warfare as by the fact that they exist at all as two factions, and so have robbed industrial life of the element of good-will. It is useless to attribute the

they exist at all as two factions, and so have robbed industrial life of the element of good-will. It is useless to attribute the originality of these two truths to Mr. Eliot or to take it from him. It is enough that he, first of all, opened our eyes to these two fundamental principles. This was public service, too.

And he has done more than any other man to make popular the problems of municipal government. That he may think that certain forms of city government approach most nearly the ideal is not one-half so important as the fact that he has made the rank and file realize that the problem belonged to them. It was only a few days ago, reflected the visitor, that he told an audience of working men that improvements in municipal affairs are due to the class of persons whose incomes range from \$500 to \$1,000 per annum. They, and not the large taxpayers, are the persons most affected by good and bad government, and in their hands is the power to make progress. This is the sort of doctrine which Mr. Eliot has sown. Such doctrines he makes dramatic by simplicity, such are those that he spreads by gentle, patient insistence.

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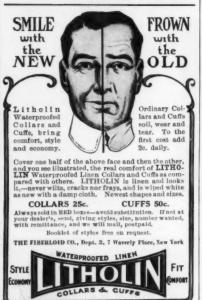
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occasionally he allows to show upon his personality. Few persons know that on many a holiday the president of the University delights in driving over to the State reservation and recreation beach laid out by his son, to see the summer thousands who have gathered on this open spot between the pinky-ti-pankum of the merry-go-rounds, the vaudeville, and the roller-coasters and the blue of the Atlantic, and that here, with perhaps the smell of popcorn and hot frankfurters in his nose, the reflected carnival shines in his eyes. . . . his eyes.

An American Home

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THE visitor waits for Mr. Eliot in the "parlor" of his home with three others who have come to see him. A man that one would guess had arrived from Nevada sits looking about with astonished glances, as if he had expected to find a long and wide salon with mural decorations and massive furniture. It is only a room representing, one reflects, better than any other that one has ever seen, the American home. You could show this room as an unlabeled exhibit in a world's fair on the moon, and any American could tell you what it was. It is so infinitely different from a room on a "millionaire's Long Island estate." It is so like the rooms used to be in another house one remembers—before the family realized that they had money.

Mr. Eliot comes in from his walk. He stands an instant in the doorway. Some men would say that his bearing was for

stands an instant in the doorway. Some men would say that his bearing was forbidding and cold, and yet it is this bearing, and not his features, which impresses one with the truth of his bigness. You one with the truth of his bigness. You do not then nor afterward notice his eyes at all, any more than you notice the eyes in a bust of Homer. Expressions do not romp over his face. The memory of Mr. Eliot is the memory of calm stillness with the impression of a tremendous capacity for love and wrath behind it; it is the memory of a man who one feels must never have looked younger and will never look older. It is the impression of a perpetual being.

He stands erect, with power in his body. His skin is red with his exercise, but the

petual being.

He stands erect, with power in his body. His skin is red with his exercise, but the measure of his breathing is undisturbed. He speaks with his deep, room-filling voice to the men who have risen to their feet, and in this voice there is the same vitality that is in his figure. Something so contained there is about him as to give the impression of a heroic automaton. Afterward one reflects that this must be the result of a lifetime of practise in thinking. But what sets a mind to practise thinking? Probably that strange, real self which in Mr. Eliot has always been behind a heavy curtain. The visiter had come to get a peek. But no man ever will. Merely because there is a mantle at all, some will always say that at the bottom Mr. Eliot is cold and harsh and shrewd beyond our conceptions. It is only a guess at best. We do not know. We prefer to consider him as one who shows infinite love for mankind, not in his emotions, but in his labors—a man who is the foremost private citizen in America to-day because he is universally recognized as the truest type of public servant.

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NLY a few days later the visitor went back again to the Harvard yard. Eliot had resigned. Up in the executive offices in University Hall—those offices which have lost none of their Puritan severity—two or three of the younger men who have worked with the president were looking over his letter of resignation which he had read to the corporation officers.

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"I also remember—" said another.

But the visitor was now looking at the note. Here was Mr. Eliot's handwriting! It was small and precise, suggestive of patience and peace, but it was as inscrutable, as full of mystery, as Mr. Eliot himself.

Naval Control

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Upton, as to the necessity for a change in the administration of the War Department, were, of course, pigeonholed.

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the results of military science throughout the world. Yet his voice was as the voice of one crying in the wilderness. The Government did not even print his report, but with those of his associates it was filed in manuscript and forgotten among the millions of documents in the archives of the War Department."

Upton's recommendations took form in the present reorganized status of the War Department. A General Staff of practical soldiers was appointed, who, under the Secretary, have general supervision and direction over the department and its constant preparedness for war.

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recommendations in the War Department awaited in the Navy Department the farseeing recommendations and warnings of naval oflicers. They were pigeonholed and ignored. If defects were pointed out that were small or easily corrected, they were promptly attended to; but if serious defects which required an appeal to Congress for large sums to correct them were pointed out, bringing necessarily from the bureaus a confession of fault and incompetence on their own part, they were ignored, and the ships left headed against the reefs and double chances of war. Those regrettable accidents on board the various battleships which resulted in the death of so many of our sailors through remediable defects in the turrets were pointed out by naval officers as likely to occur at any time, but no attention was paid to the warnings. When the accidents did happen, the bureaus actually sought to cast the blame on the sailors whose lives had been wantonly sacrificed by the neglect and incompetence of these same officials, and in this course they were upheld by Senator Hale. They will not admit that their own work is poor. It is natural for them to defend it. Had there been a legally constituted body of officers in the Navy Department who were not responsible for the technical work of the bureaus, but free to criticize, and who when complaints were made became judges instead of defendants on trial, these defects would at once have been ordered corrected. As it was, the bureaus, which will not criticize one another because of the circumstance of their close relationship, assumed the attitude of the man who spelled "For Sale" s-a-i-l, because he had lived twentynine years in Chicago and guessed he ought to know.

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This reform in the navy was advocated by President Cleveland, by President Roosevelt in four different messages, by Secretaries Whitney, Moody, Morton, and Bonaparte, and by Admiral Dewey and a host of other naval officers, but it has met each time silent contempt in Congress.

The present naval bureaus realize that any plan for a naval reorganization is apt to disturb, if it does not do away entirely with, their power, as well as to lessen their social prestige and bring into disrepute their "Pinafore" titles. The non-military army clique used to ignore General Sherman in Washington and took precedence of him, not only in the councils of the army, but in the circles of the drawing-room. Disgusted, he moved back to St. Louis.

Senator Hale has in his State a navy yard which the navy doesn't want and has said it didn't want. Representative Foss of Illinois has recently had established a naval training station at Chicago which will cost \$10,000,000.

Senator Hale is practically Congress when it comes to naval affairs, and these bureau chiefs and the politicians have been pulling together and mutually protecting each other for a good many years. Between them they practically constitute the Navy Department, with power over the expenditure of vast sums. They have been plum-picking cronics together. They have a good thing, and they are not going to quarrel about it, nor give it up if they can help it, nor share it with any one else. The average official life of a Secretary of the Navy is only two years and a half, and he is compelled to lean upon this combination for support. Neither the duties of a bureau chief nor of a United States Senator or Congressman involve any knowledge or control of the strategic and tactical problems of actual war. The bureau chiefs find fault with the recent publicity regarding naval affairs; they say they might possibly have been in favor of reform but for this. They don't like to take the public, which



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Other People's Cake

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Sophia sobbed again. She wiped her eyes, then she looked at old Mrs. Horton. "Of course I ain't," said she, "but it's got to be, whether or no. It ain't right to have two like them separated after they've been together so long, and got to setting so much by each other; and no overruling Providence is goin' to let things be that ain't right."

Old Mrs. Horton shook her head with angry hopelessness. "You can talk that way," said she, "but I've lived a good many years, and I've seen a good many things, that didn't seem any more right than this, allowed."

Sophia suddenly changed the subject. "How handsome your geraniums be," said she. "You do have real good luck with flowers, Mis' Horton."

"I ought to have good luck with something," replied Mrs. Horton, and she eyed the blooming geraniums as if they were her one trump that insured her a trick in the game of life.

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Sophia did not stay much longer. When she went along the road toward home her face had a pale, scared expression. Eliza Price noticed it when she entered. "What on earth is the matter now?" said she. "Nothing."

"You look as white as a sheet."

"I feel well enough."

"Guess you are bilious. You'd better not eat much to-night, and be careful."

"Maybe I'd better not," assented Sophia. The next afternoon she went to the store again, and again stopped at the Horton house. She found not only old Mrs. Horton at home, but Amy and her mother. This time it was poor Amy, with her sweet, sad face, who sat under the blooming geraniums. She was a brave soul, and faced her life smilingly, but her blue eyes were sad. Her mother, a pretty woman with a nervous, irritable scowl between her eyes, and tightly compressed, thin lips, was knitting in a jerky fashion. When Amy inquired sweetly for Miss Price, a sardonic look overspread her face. "I ain't going to waste my breath asking for folks who have nothing to do but set from morning till night, and money enough to spend and don't spend it." she said in the scolding voice which distinguished her. "Oh, mother!" said Amy.

Then Mrs. Horton turned upon her. "Keep right on 'oh mothering' me." said she. "Here you be, doing such a thing as sending Lem Jay off, and you getting older, just because you are so awful set you won't live here. I never did think much of Lem Jay, and I never did agree with anything he said, and I have never made any bones about telling him so, but I'm perfectly willing you should get married to-morrow, if you want to, and come here to live, and I guess there ain't many women that would be."

Amy said nothing.

There was a second's silence. Then Sophia Wilton faced them, and committed the first deadly sin of her life. She lied straight from the shoulder, without the slightest hesitation.

"There's ain't so bad as folks think, and she ain't so stingy. She's better

"What on each of the mother.

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"I am afraid that would be too much rent for Lem to pay," quavered Amy. She was blushing all over, and tremulous as a butterfly over some rose of joy.

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"Has Eliza Price met with a change, close-fisted as she has always been?" said Amy's mother. She tried to speak sneeringly, but her voice faltered.

"She's got to meet with a change before she dies," said Sophia, with the look of an angel worn with avenging war.

"What's the use of a house without a stick of furniture?" said Amy's mother.

"Eliza is going to give Amy the furniture in the north parlor and the two spare chambers and that extra kitchen that the Squire's second wife had put in to use in cold weather, and the furniture in the dining-room that the first wife called the cold weather, and the furniture in the dining-room that the first wife called the morning-room."

"I've always heard what airs Squire Amos K. Price's first wife put on," said old Mrs. Horton.

Amy sprang to her feet. "I am going right over there and thank her," she cried, and her voice rang out like a bird's in spring. She was rosy and altogether beautiful in her sudden happiness, but Sophia stopped her.

"If you go over there and thank her, you'll upset the whole apple-cart," said she. "She can't bear to be thanked; and there's another thing. All that furniture has got to be moved out, just as still as mice, the next moonlight night, after she's gone to sleep."

Amy's mother eyed her suspiciously. "Why?" she demanded.

Sophia lied like a master. "Eliza has been in the habit of keeping things," said she, "and now, though she wants Amy to have 'em, she feels that she hasn't quite worked herself up to the point of seeing 'em go. So it has got to be done this way. She don't want any thanks. She don't even want to see the things go."

"Well, I thought the old Adam wasn't quite worked out of her," said Amy's mother, and again her voice had its scolding tone. "I guess Eliza Price won't die because she's too good to live, jest yet."

"Oh, mother!" said Amy.

Sophia Wilton, going home that night, felt as if she had passed the frontier into a foreign country. She realized that she was very sinful, but she had a joy in the sin, and the thought of the happiness which was to come to Lem and Amy seemed like a song of triumph in her ears.

All her life Sophia had loved people, and wanted to make them happy, with a want which was like a fierce hunger, and she had fallen before a strange temptation, and as yet had no contrition for her fault, only fear lest it should be discovered before her end was gained, the furniture moved, and the house set in order. Had Eliza Price employed an agent, the matter would have been more difficult, but she was parsimonious in that as in everything else. Sophia cautioned everybody about mentioning the subject of Eliza's good works to her, and the caution was heeded. People were a little afr

"I suppose they must have decided to live with Amy's mother and grandmother," said she. "I suppose it was the only thing they could do, but I must say, from what I've heard and seen of that woman, it will be like living in a hornets' nest. I've heard that she was a good woman and means well, but she buzzes all the time, and don't say nor do what she means to. Well, it ain't any of my business. You've got too much sugar in my tea again, Sophia."

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"I only put in one spoonful."

"You must have heaped it up, then. Why didn't you bring in the sugar-bowl, the way I told you to?"

"I forgot it." replied Sophia meekly. Sophia looked terribly excited, and nervously wrought. Her cheeks were hotly flushed, and a tense trembling shook her from head to foot. Everything she touched rattled and jostled against something else. When she had entered with the tea-tray, everything on it had rung and tinkled. It was the night before Thanksgiving and she had been cooking, for Thanksgiving was observed even in that parsimonious household. There were to be roast chicken and vegetables, and Sophia had baked pies.

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Eliza noticed Sophia's unusual state. The nearness of Thanksgiving seemed to have an influence over her stern old New England character, for she said, when the cup and saucer and plate and spoon jingled: "I guess you must be tired, Sophia." "I ain't, none to speak of," said Sophia. She sat near Eliza until her meal was quite finished, then she took the tray and



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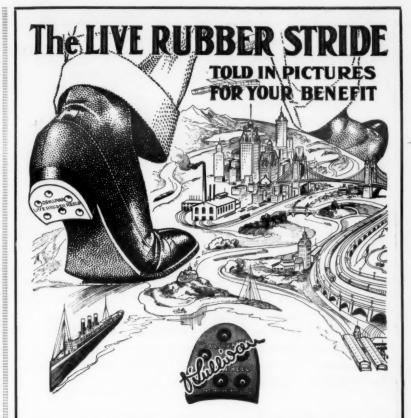
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set it on the table, and stood before her. Eliza actually turned pale as she gazed up in the strangely agitated little face.
"What ails you, Sophia Wilton? You ain't going to have a fit, be you?" said she.
"No," replied Sophia. "I'm going to

"What alls you, Sophia Wilton? You ain't going to have a fit, be you?" said she. "No," replied Sophia. "I'm going to tell the truth."

"The truth? Why ain't you been telling it all the time?"

"No, I ain't. I've been lying like all possessed, and I ain't been sorry for it, neither. Now I'm sorry I had to lie, and it's just before Thanksgiving, and I don't dare keep it back any longer, and I'm going to tell the truth."

With that, Sophia took her place behind Eliza's chair, and began to push. "You hitch," said she firmly to Eliza, who was now herself trembling.

"Where are you going to make me go?" she demanded.

"Into the north parlor. Keep your shawl around you. It's some cold in there."

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"Why are you going to take me into the north parlor, I'd like to know?"
"I've got to tell the truth."
Sophia pushed as she had never pushed before, and Eliza hitched, and they crossed the entry and entered the north parlor. Sophia had set a lamp on the mantelshelf. It was the only place on which to set a lamp. The moment the door was opened that peculiar breath, that peculiar echo, of an entirely empty room, were evident. Eliza gazed and gasped. "Where are all the things?"

"I gave them to Amy and Lem to set up housekeeping."
"You gave 'em?"
"Yes."

"You gave 'em?"
"Yes."
Eliza gasped again. Then she said feebly—she was becoming afraid of this meek little woman with whom she lived—"What right had you, I'd like to know?"
"I hadn't any right, but I took it. They needed the things, and they were related to the Squire's second wife."
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needed the things, and they were related to the Squire's second wife."
Sophia pushed vigorously again, and Eliza mechanically hitched. They crossed the empty parlor, and Sophia threw open another door, that of a spare bedroom. That room was also empty. "I gave the things in here, too," said Sophia.
Eliza gasped again.
Sophia pushed, and they reached another door. Sophia opened that and revealed a perfectly empty little kitchen.
"This kitchen wasn't ever used," said she. "The Squire's second wife had it made just for an expense. I gave them the things in here, too."
Eliza gasped again.
Sophia turned her chair, and made wonderful headway back to the warm sittingroom. Then she stood before Eliza again. "That ain't all." said she. "I can't get you upstairs, anyhow, and it's no use trying to take you out to that room the Squire's wife called her morning-room, for I don't know but you've got a chill as it is: but all the things in the north spare chamber are gone too, and the things in the morning-room. And that ain't all. I don't know but you've got a chill as it is; but all the things in the north spare chamber are gone too, and the things in the morning-room. And that ain't all. I give them a lot of bed and table linen, and some quilts, and some diversess out of them trunks in the attic, and I gave them Squire Amos K. Price's old swallow-tail coat, the one he wasn't buried in, and two flowered vests, and three pairs of fine broadcloth pants, and—"

But Eliza interrupted her with an outburst of grim laughter. "For goodness' sake! You don't expect Lem Jay is going to wear that old swallow-tail and the Squire's flowered vests and pants?" said she, and laughed again.

But Sophia did not laugh. She was terribly sober. "I give them to him," she repeated, "and that ain't all. I told them they could have that house of yours, next the Jones place, free of rent, and they are going to live there to-morrow after they are married."

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Eliza gave another queer chuckle, then she looked up at Sophia, and again there were wonder and something like fear in

You ain't crazy, be you, Sophia Wil-

ton?" said she.
"No. I ain't crazy, but I didn't have anything to give myself, and so I gave your

things."
"Why haven't they even thanked me?"
inquired Eliza.
"I lied, and said you didn't want to be
thanked."

They are going to be married to-mor-, ain't they?"
To-morrow afternoon at four o'clock."

"To-morrow afternoon at four o'clock." Again there was silence. Suddenly a look of terror, but not for herself, came over Sophia's face. "You won't take away the things now? And you won't tell, for if you did, they wouldn't get married, and Amy is so pleased," she cried. "Go to that desk drawer in my bedroom, and open that secret place where I keep my money," said Eliza. "I suppose you haven't touched that."







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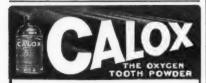
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"I couldn't be so wicked as to take

money," said Sophia.

"Bring that box out here."

Sophia obeyed. Eliza called after her:
"Bring that box with the pearl beads that belonged to the Squire's first wife here, too."

belonged to the Squire's first wife here, too."

Presently Sophia emerged. She gave one rather large, heavy box to Eliza, and a square, rusty, velvet one. Then she pleaded again: "Oh, Eliza, you won't interfere with them? Send me to prison, or anything, but don't interfere with them. I'd just as lief go to prison. I—"

"Fiddlesticks!" said Eliza Price, opening the larger box. A yellow gleam of gold came from it. Eliza counted carefully, and laid the coins on her wide lapuntil there was a little heap of them. Then she opened the velvet box, and a string of pearls gleamed as they hung over her swollen old hand. She coiled the pearls carefully around, and replaced them in the velvet box, and tucked away beside them the gold pieces in her lap.

"There," she said. "There's a hundred gold dollars, and them pearl beads, and I want you to go and give them to Amy Horton, and tell her that after she and Lem are married, I wish they'd come here and let me see how they look, before they go home."

"She's going to be married in that white

and let me see how they look, before they go home."

"She's going to be married in that white brocade silk that was in that cedar chest in the garret," said Sophia.

"Well, what of it? I don't suppose you thought I'd ever wear it," said Eliza.

"Then you ain't—" began Sophia.

"No, I ain't close-fisted and stingy; never was. Lord! I've been keeping them things jest for the sake of dwelling in my own mind on giving them away. You didn't have any need to take such means to get them, and tell lies—and they wasn't lies, either, though you didn't know it, for I always did hate to be thanked for anything— But I would like to see Amy when she's all decked out a bride. I don't care any great sight about seeing Lem Jay; men don't amount to much; but I suppose he's part of the show."

Sophia was weeping. "You are real good, Eliza," she sobbed.

"Mebbe I am better than you've been thinking, and kept it close," admitted Eliza. "Now, stop crying, Sophia Wilton. I'm gladder that you've done this than I ever was of anything in my life. Just wrap up warm—I know it's only next door, but it's cold—and take them things over, and ask Amy."

After Sophia, wrapped shapelessly against the cold, her hands laden with

over, and ask Amy."

After Sophia, wrapped shapelessly against the cold, her hands laden with the rich gifts, and her heart overflowing with love and contrition and thankfulness, had gone, the other old woman sat and gazed out of the window at the lights in the houses across the way. The room was in darkness, for she had told Sophia to set the lamp in the entry.

Eliza Price gazed out at her neighbors' home lights, she smelled the odor of cake and pastry, she smiled happily. Before her eyes was the fair picture of the bride, in her white brocade, with the Price pearls gleaming on her neck.

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Then, with no apparent connection, she thought of something else, of Sylvia White. "It's too bad for that poor old woman to be living the way she does, from pillar to post," she thought. She made up her mind, then and there, to give Sylvia—Sylvia with that unsuspected pearl of love and suffering in her heart—a home for the rest of her life in the Price house.

When Sophia returned Eliza was eager with questions.

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"She was so pleased she sat down and cried," said Sophia, "and so did her mother. I told them the whole story. Her mother says you are a saint on carth."

Her mother says you are a saint on earth."

Eliza laughed. "Well, Sophia Wilton," said she, "you've made me sense something in my old age that I ain't never rightly sensed before, and that is, I guess we never can really have any cake in this world except what we give to other folks."

"I ain't told you everything," said Sophia. "I've been keeping a stray cat in the house a long time."

Eliza gasped.

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"He's a splendid cat. He's a tiger," said

Sophia.

Eliza laughed, with an actual peal of hilarity. "I always did like cats," said she, "and I was wondering what we should do with the chicken-bones to-morrow. It seemed wicked to waste them. Call in that cat, for goodness' sake, Sophia

Wilton."
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